

Written Testimony Opposing HB 3991 (Oregon Transportation Package)

To the House Committee on Transportation:

My name is Colene J. Hoyt, and I am a resident of Dayton, Oregon. I am writing today to express my strong opposition to HB 3991, the proposed transportation funding package.

While I support maintaining safe and reliable infrastructure, I do not believe HB 3991 is the right solution. My concerns include:

1. Excessive Financial Burden – The proposed increases in gas taxes, vehicle registration fees, and payroll taxes will disproportionately impact working families, small businesses, and those on fixed incomes. Oregonians are already struggling with the high cost of living, and additional taxes will only make this worse.
2. Lack of Accountability – Before imposing new taxes and fees, the Legislature should conduct a thorough audit of existing transportation revenues and spending. Oregonians deserve transparency about how current funds are being used.
3. Equity Concerns – The package does not fairly balance contributions between gas-powered vehicles and electric vehicles. As EV adoption grows, all road users must contribute equitably to maintaining our infrastructure.
4. Economic Impact – This bill will increase costs for small businesses that rely on transportation, commuting, and deliveries—at a time when many are still struggling to recover economically.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Legislature to reject HB 3991 as written and instead pursue solutions that are more balanced, equitable, and transparent.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Respectfully,

Colene J. Hoyt

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