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Section 12's provision of the transportation bill allowing ODOT to automatically adjust fees starting in 2030 hands too much power to unelected officials, reducing legislative oversight and risking unchecked increases. Finally, the focus on maintenance over new infrastructure fails to deliver tangible benefits to justify the added costs. An audit of current expenditures may (if passed) instill trust and it for sure would help identify if such an organization should be trusted with such a task. I urge the committee to explore alternatives, such as reallocating existing funds, to address ODOT's needs without further taxing Oregonians; an audit would help that goal. Thank you for considering my testimony.

-Rebecca Routson