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Funding

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I am opposed to HB 3991. Having read the bill, I do not believe the highway department should adjust fee rates. All tax rate raises are the responsibility of the elected legislative body, which is accountable to the voters. Additionally, I am opposed to the significant rate increases for vehicle registration, which in the case of passenger vehicles is double minus \$1. I oppose all the additional vehicle registration fees increases.

I am furthermore perplexed why the department of transportation is informing the citizenry that they have the money they need to meet their mandate, but the rules prevent reallocation of funds. In the meantime the state persists in working to create this gigantic tax increase. Oregon taxes are unsustainable and the priorities of state government are unmanageable for a normal citizen.

Thank you