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Funding

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As a concerned taxpayer and advocate for small businesses in Oregon, I strongly oppose the passage of HB3991 and HB392. These bills would impose undue financial burdens on taxpayers, particularly those already struggling to make ends meet.

The proposed increases to the transit tax and DMV fees are especially concerning. These hikes will further strain families, workers, and small business owners who rely on affordable transportation to get to work, run their businesses, and serve their communities. Most areas in Oregon lack reliable public transit, so these options are not viable for many Oregonians.

Small businesses are already dealing with the challenges posed by the state's high minimum wage and payroll taxes. Adding further financial strain will jeopardize their survival, risking closures or reduced operations. As a community, we should be fostering the sustainability and growth of small businesses, not adding tax burdens that threaten their future.

With operational costs already rising, small businesses cannot absorb these additional expenses. This will likely lead to more closures and an increased demand for jobs. Instead of driving businesses out of Oregon, we should focus on policies that help them thrive and create more opportunities for our workforce.

Rather than raising taxes and fees, we should explore innovative solutions to improve infrastructure and transportation systems without unfairly burdening those who can least afford it. I urge the committee to reconsider these proposals and adopt a more balanced approach that supports both taxpayers and small businesses.