

Submitter: Lacy Sharpsteen  
On Behalf Of: HB 2025  
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation Reinvestment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2025

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 2025, which proposes over \$1 billion in new taxes and fees annually on Oregonians under the guise of transportation investment. While I support maintaining safe roads and improving infrastructure, this bill is not the answer.

HB 2025 introduces more than 35 new or increased taxes and fees, including hikes in gas taxes, vehicle registration and title fees, new road usage charges, and even a new payroll tax. These changes will disproportionately burden working families and small businesses across our state—especially during a time when the cost of living in Oregon is already among the highest in the nation.

According to recent public polling, 80% of Oregonians oppose increasing the gas tax, and the vast majority do not see transportation as a top priority compared to issues like housing, homelessness, and government transparency. HB 2025 disregards these concerns.

I urge you to reject HB 2025 and instead pursue a more transparent, equitable, and fiscally responsible approach to transportation funding that reflects our shared priorities and values.

Sincerely,  
Lacy Sharpsteen