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This bill misrepresents reality and could cost Oregonians much more for all goods.

Forest management practices have increased fuel loading, roadless areas have limited firefighter access, hands off wilderness areas, and less aggressive firefighting tactics have all contributed to bigger, more expensive fires. It is NOT caused by climate change, but climate change is the scapegoat for these policy failures.

Increased costs for these industries are passed along to consumers in the form of higher prices at the pump. Natural resource industries such as agriculture, logging, mining all rely on diesel. Increased energy costs for these industries will make their products more expensive and reduce their competitiveness with other states. Increased diesel costs also increase transportation costs, and thus retail prices for everything we buy, including groceries.

This is a regressive tax that puts more burden on those least able to afford it. Corporations don't pay taxes. Those costs are passed along to the consumers as higher costs.