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In Case You Missed It

“In plain English, the low-carbon fuel standard is a colossal policy stinker”

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But the costs of SB324 don't stop there. By signing the bill over the objections of Republicans, who warned frequently of the program's cost-benefit delusions, Brown knowingly sacrificed support for a transportation funding package – a priority for both parties this session and for state businesses. Such a package likely would involve an increase in the gas tax, which effectively would be the second fuel tariff imposed during the same legislative session. Republicans have said they'll have no part of that.

“To spend the money that the people have available at the pump on a DEQ (Department of Environmental Quality) program that doesn't work and is really just a showpiece for the left wing to say that Oregon is doing something for climate change is foolish,” says Rep. Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, the House minority leader. And until the low-carbon fuel standard is repealed, McLane said Wednesday, his caucus isn't interested in considering a hike in the gas tax. Democrats need the support of at least one House Republican to raise the tax.”

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