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House Republican Leader Mike McLane Blasts Proposal to Place \$1,000 Tax on Used Cars

Salem, Ore. - In addition to introducing a <u>tax on coffee</u> yesterday, House Democrats also introduced <u>HB</u> <u>2877</u>, which would levy a \$1,000 surcharge on used vehicles. The \$1,000 tax, which would be paid by any Oregonian who owns a vehicle from 1997 or any year prior, is sponsored by the Democrat-controlled House Revenue committee.

"The used car tax proposal is pathetic," said House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte). "Only out-of-touch liberals could have come up with an idea this dumb, which would hurt seniors, students and working families."

As drafted, HB 2877 would allow the Oregon Department of Transportation to levy penalties, interest and collection charges on top of the \$1,000 tax on Oregonians who fail to pay the fee on time. The tax would be applied every five years. HB 2877 was referred to the House Revenue committee on Friday.

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