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Republican Leaders Slam Advancement of Largest Tax Hike in Oregon History

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the **Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment** advanced <u>House Bill 2025</u>, the **largest tax hike in Oregon history**, despite bipartisan opposition and overwhelming public concern. The bill, crafted behind closed doors and rushed through a corrupt process, would impose more than 35 new or increased taxes and fees totaling **\$15 billion** on Oregonians over 10 years.

Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) and House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) issued the following joint statement:

"This was a broken process from the start—and the result will be devastating for Oregonians in every corner of our state. Democrats drafted this \$15 billion tax package in secret, at the last minute, and rigged the committee process to push it forward. Oregonians are already struggling with the cost of living and highest taxes in the nation. Instead of demanding accountability from ODOT, Democrats are demanding that families pay for decades of mismanagement with the largest tax hike in Oregon history. Republicans offered a responsible, transparent alternative to get ODOT back to its core mission of maintaining roads and bridges without raising taxes. Democrats chose politics over people. Oregonians deserve better than this."

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