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Democrats Rush \$11.7 Billion Tax Hike Through Committee

SALEM, Ore. – Today, the **Joint Committee on Transportation Reinvestment** advanced an amended version of [House Bill 2025](#), a transportation tax package that will cost Oregonians **\$11.7 billion** in new and increased taxes and fees over the next decade.

Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles) issued the following statement:

“Oregonians are already stretching every dollar, and this tax package will only make it harder. Whether it’s filling up your gas tank, buying a used car, or just getting to work, **you’re going to pay more**. The state’s budget has more than doubled in the last decade, yet our roads and bridges are still crumbling. Meanwhile, billions of tax dollars go toward things like free health care for illegal immigrants. This is a policy choice that has left legislators scrambling for more money to fund basic services government should already provide.

Anyone voting for this bill is clearly willing to force Oregon families to pay more for those essentials—like safe roads—while pouring more of their hard-earned tax dollars into ODOT programs that most people won’t even use. That’s not right, and they need to be held accountable.”

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