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586 Fee Increases Totaling \$374 million!

You are being secretly robbed through hidden fees

The Politicians didn't need to raise taxes to bring in nearly a half billion in new revenue -- they just raised fees instead.

The 2017 Legislature, led by Gov. Kate Brown, jacked up 530 existing fees. The Legislature also created 56 brand new fees. Only nine fees saw a decrease. A total of four fees were eliminated, but they were not collecting any revenue.

Many of these fees are inescapable because they are occupation license fees which you are required to pay in order to work and provide for your family.

Massive road tax

Most increased fee revenue comes from big hikes in car registration fees and title fees. In addition to these, the road tax also includes big tax increases.

The transportation payroll tax punishes employers for hiring workers and

ultimately reduces household take-home pay. With those smaller paychecks, Oregonians will spend more to fill their gas tanks.

Nation's fifth highest gas tax

Oregon already has the fifth highest gas prices in the country (according to Gas Buddy). Adding increased gas taxes -- on top of the anticipated costs of implementing the Low Carbon Fuel Standard -- will push Oregon's fuel prices toward the highest in the continental United States.

First bike tax in the nation

If you try to reduce the higher costs of owning a car by buying a better bike, be prepared to pay an extra \$15 if that bike cost more than \$200. A new excise tax on adult bicycles is expected to cost bike buyers another \$2 million. But, it will likely cost more to the collect the tax than the

tax itself, so the bike tax will probably do more harm than good. This is the first bike tax in the nation.

Rural taxpayers subsidize big city bus riders

The road tax package also contains a sinister payroll tax on working Oregonians. The new payroll tax is earmarked for transit projects which are out of reach by most rural Oregonians. This means the new payroll tax is taxing rural workers to subsidize the bus riding habits of city populations.

Even worse, Portland area bus riders pay a smaller share of actual ticket cost than other city bus districts. Portlanders are not even paying their fair share and rural Oregonians are bailing them out.



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Measure Summary. Bike tax applies to new bikes over \$200

Sources: Comparison Data used from National Conference of State Legislatures "Registration and Title Fees by State" Report, 6/15/17, Tax Foundation State Gasoline Tax Rates 2017 Report. Other data from HB 2017 Oregon Legislative Staff