

# DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

## Platform Committee

4/16/2015

### RESOLUTION 2015.11

#### A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

*Relating to a proposal to link the gas tax rate to the price of gasoline*

WHEREAS, the condition of roads in the State of Oregon is poor; and

WHEREAS, the funds for road repairs are limited and inadequate to meet with the current needs or the backlog of road repairs; and

WHEREAS, good roadways are a necessary part of a healthy economic environment; and

WHEREAS, current and future conservation of gasoline has and will reduce further the gas tax receipts which are used to fund the roads; and

WHEREAS, fossil fuel conservation is necessary for the environment; and

WHEREAS, the increase in supply of gas through new drilling methods has driven down the current cost of fuel and

WHEREAS, the overall cost of fuel, including the gas tax, is a motivation for many Oregonians to use mass transit and conserve fuel:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Democratic Party hereby requests that the State Legislature to institute a methodology to tie the price of gasoline to the gas tax rate, such that a given decrease in the price of gas has a certain percentage increase in the tax rate. Such a method should have a base rate as of the recent high gas price to low gas tax rate, and should be based on changes above and below the price of gasoline as it was at approximately \$4.00 a gallon. An increase in the rate is expected under this methodology when gas rises again to that rate.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,  
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, April 16, 2015**

Signed:

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Chris Wig

Chair

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Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary