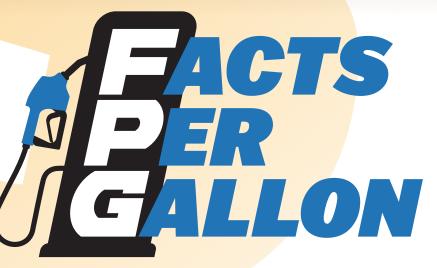


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According to the California Energy Commission, in July this year government taxes and fees cost 9 times more than what oil companies made in net profits.



The California
Government Collected

\$1.08



The Federal
Government Collected

\$0.18

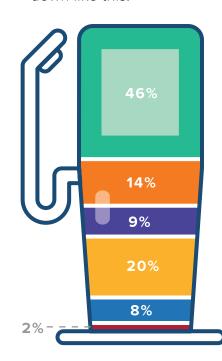


Oil Companies Profited

\$0.14



In July, the \$1.26 per gallon in government taxes and fees broke down like this:



cents/gallon

58 STATE EXCISE TAX

18 FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

12 LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD

26 CAP-AND-TRADE

10 STATE & LOCAL SALES TAX

2 STATE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TAX

1.26 dollars/gallo



The Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, a new law that allows bureaucrats to cap the profits of oils companies. Experts warn this could lead to more problems, not less.

I'm not sure I understand the argument for a windfall profits tax on energy companies. If you reduce profitability, you will discourage investment, which is the opposite of our objectives.

- Lawrence H. Summers

Former Clinton Administration Secretary of the Treasury

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