

Lawmakers run down 'mileage tax'

Republicans accuse Gov.
Malloy of planning a new tax

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A plan to look at how motorists could be charged a fee for miles driven on Connecticut roads is being met with fierce opposition and accusations of laying the groundwork for a new tax to fund transportation improvements.

The controversy was sparked Monday when lawmakers learned the Interstate 95 Corridor Coalition, of which Connecti-

cut is a member, had applied for federal money to set up a pilot program to study how mileage fees could be assessed and road miles counted.

Connecticut, along with Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire, agreed to participate in a voluntary program to test the system.

Republicans quickly announced their opposition and accused Gov. Dannel P.

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