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This bill is wrong on every level. First, having these folks take a course on how to manage money. By doing so you assume that this class of folks or group of folks are less astute (dumber) than the majority of Oregonians. Second, monitoring their purchases is big brother and starts a slippery slope on reasons to monitoring other Oregonians because if it is okay for this group or what interests this group, surely it would be ok to do the same thing for another group or class or even race of yet another group. Third this is a selective tax and a tax that involves no representation it is a tax on a certain class of people which is just plain wrong. Fourth, again a slippery slope. If \$20,000 for a piece of jewelry is the threshold today, well why not just make it \$10,000 next year, if that is ok, surely \$5,000 must be good too, well than how about all jewelry cause the poor can't buy jewelry so they are not hurt. Fourth, this bill leaves out luxury houses why not 3% on a home that costs over \$1,000,000 ( oh wait my house costs \$250,00 I think luxury should be considered \$500,000). Lastly, Oregon has long lived without a sales tax, initiating this bill is dipping government's big toe in the sales tax pool, and everybody knows that once the government finds a way to take money from its citizens it will. Hence the road to a statewide sales tax.