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I moved to Oregon a little over a year ago. I came to Oregon as it was my dream state to live in and having secured a remote job where I could work anywhere it seemed like a great opportunity.

As beautiful as it is here the taxes in this state are oppressive. I earn a good salary and between the recent inflation, increases in utility pricing, and the taxes of this state it's making it hard to see it be worth staying in this state if taxes continue to rise. My property tax already being close to \$10k is just mind blowing coming from other states where it was nowhere near as much. Continuing to add taxes the constituents of this great state will only serve to drove more earners like myself away. Earning enough to afford a nice property here shouldn't be penalized any more.

Please think of other ideas to raise funding that don't depend on continuing to add on taxes to the productive members of the Oregon population. Other states make due with less and if Oregon wants to keep people here it should at least try to think of ways to balance the budgets and enforce laws already on the books to bring in extra funds than keep adding new taxes that rely on those of us who are trying to make Oregon our home.