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Having worked for 25+ years for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in a variety of 'support' positions, I have been following ODOT for the last 8 years that my husband and I have been residents.

What I hear is similar to what Caltrans has experienced, off and on, for quite a number of years. As a State employee, I experienced furloughs, staff displacement, etc. This is a basic nature of being a civil service employee. No, it's not easy, that's for sure.

But part of the problems we experienced had to do with mismanagement of not just the Highway funds but also department managers. Ask many ODOT (or even State) employees and I am pretty sure the general consensus will be that cutting upper management will save some serious money. If Oregon created its own 'DOGE', just think of the savings!

I am guessing Oregon has its own audit department. Government waste not only by departments but also by employees and independent contractors doing busing supposedly for Oregon could well be a hurdle that CAN be overcome!!

Raising taxes in any form is NOT the answer! Managing what is coming into state coffers IS!!