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Topic:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony

I oppose this measure:

Using a special section to raise more taxes because they didn't pass the first round. Taxation without representation - this sounds familiar and generations in the past, those raised in Oregon, are rolling in their graves.

Simply because one woman, the governor, is angry more taxes have not passed.

This is childish. If the people have spoken it should be law. Taxes in the state are almost at the highest burden in the US: Oregon: 9.9% for single filers earning over \$125,000 or joint filers over \$250,000 #5 - California, Hawaii, New York, New Jersey being points higher than Oregon.

Cost of living in Oregon is 112%, Arizona is 111%, and 114% in New Jersey. Quality of living in Oregon is LOWER THAN WEST VIRGINIA - let that sink in!!
<https://worldpopulationreview.com/state-rankings/quality-of-life-by-state>
Crime rate is in the top 25 for violent crime.

Back to the taxes:

The majority of these taxes will hit the major stores such as Dutch Brothers who have already left, Nike, Intel for a few. Throw in the farmers, ranchers, and small business owners - everything will increase in prices due to the backdoor taxes. Workers will lose in payroll taxes.

This is a reckless method of doing business. Young homebuyers who want to purchase homes can only despair. Suppliers, groceries, gas will skyrocket.

And every democrat will blame President Trump, and perhaps that is the governor's goal.