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Our family operates a smaller family farm and trucking company and we are basically scraping by. Over the last five years the cost of doing business and the cost of living have gone up rapidly. This has created massive issues for us as a business, and for our employees. Now you want to hit all Oregonians with yet another cost of living increase. It is out of control. A spending problem isn't fixed by getting more money. The problem continues to remain. Learn to live within your means.

The governments' last idea when things were tight was to cut the jobs of the ODOT employees that actually get things done and provide services, leaving the upper management tier relatively unscathed. It might be a good idea to look inward if you really want to solve this problem.

Recently Governor Kotek has scrutinized Multnomah County for heavily taxing higher earners to the point of exodus. It seems with all these tax and fee increases the state is heading down the same path, but with all Oregonians.

The government should be spending tax money on needs of Oregonians and not their own list of wants.

My business, my family, and everyone I know are against this!!!