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Oregon is losing businesses and jobs. Where are they going? What States are seeing great gains in Manufacturing, Retail, and population? If you look, you see those that are fiscally responsible and provide services without continual rules, laws, and taxes expanding at an alarming rate. While Oregon residents have already sustained a number of tax increases, we see the Oregon Government still wants more. At the same time, incomes of working and retired residents have remained relatively stagnant. Oregon's roads are suffering, Oregon's education of our children is dismal, even though massive amounts of money have been put into the Educational System, Oregon's State Parks and Rest Areas are no longer being maintained the way they used to be, Oregon's status as a Sanctuary State is costly, Oregon's Homeless Policy is an expensive failure, and Oregon's residents are already paying more than most States for the fuel for their vehicles. Where has all of the money gone? It's time for Oregon's Governing body to stop creating needs of the State and start recognizing that there should be a priority for spending the money it already receives and an accounting for the success or failure of the programs where the money is being spent. Going back, look at the States having low taxes and are successful. 1. They are NOT Sanctuary States. 2. They don't have huge Homeless populations. 3. Those that are places people want to travel to, like Oregon, have a sales tax instead of an income tax. That way all who visit the State and all that purchase items in the State contribute to the State's Treasury.

If Oregon's Politicians chose to support manufacturing, logging, retail businesses, abide by Federal Laws regarding illegal aliens, reduce regulations and fees for businesses to function, reduce taxes so that citizens could spend their money in the private sector instead of sending it to Salem, and create a culture where the State Government and the State would flourish through assisting independent citizens to live their lives without continual expansion of State Government.