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I live in eastern Oregon. The cost of gas in John Day is \$4.16 per gallon. I drive 300 miles a week in order to work. I'm fortunate enough to work from home 2 days a week. Also have to go to Bend, Redmond, Pendleton, or La Grande for shopping, dental, and medical care. These are all day trips once a month. I spend a lot of time on the road and a lot of \$. I can't afford to pay more on gas! It's not on taxpayers to cover the deficit in the budget. Stop giving money to houseless/homeless. Most of them don't want to work, pay taxes, or contribute to society. They like living off grid while also getting government assistance that the tax payers provide. Stop the enabling and help the ODOT employees who actually want to work! My dad worked for ODOT in Spray for 27 years. He provided for his family on this job, driving 1 hour every week day. This isn't just about cutting funds, it's about the impact on eastern Oregon and our livelihood. People need jobs. Can't afford to pay these insane increases on registration fees, gas, etc. Governor should be managing a budget and find the funds!! Not punish the tax payers for the state's mistakes!!