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This tax will only hurt Wilsonville families of which 55% are 'low-income' as determined by EcoNorthwest earlier this Spring. Our resident's will already be facing 240% rate hikes on sewer, stormwater rates that will be enacted in 2026; among the highest in the Metro region. Many do not realize 18% of our residents are extreme poverty and 24% are poverty. Another tax on hard-working, struggling families is not the answer. Leaders need to find ways to do more with what they have. Oregon should not continue to lead the state in high taxes but are at the bottom in terms of housing affordability, education, high taxes.

The answer is not always to 'increase taxes' but make difficult decisions to do more with what you have. This tax plan will cost many families of four around \$300 a year in higher car costs. This is NOT going to much needed infrastructure like new bridges (BOONES BRIDGE). Why raise the gas tax another 15% ater it was just raised 5% last year? We are already in the nation's top 10 highest for gas taxes. DMW fees were already increased in 2024. And Oregon is the country's only wage tax to pay for transit -- now we are doubling that.

Voters will pay attention to those political leaders that vote for such increased fees as this hits everyday, hardworking Oregonians the most.