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I am a retired federal worker and I oppose any new taxes. Now that I am on a fixed income any increase in taxes makes a substantial impact on quality of life. Cost of living increases have not kept up with the high cost of living, so what I get is it. Besides this proposed set of increases everything else has gone up as well. I am an avid outdoorsman and the cost for tags, license, boating fees, etc. have gone up at an alarming rate. The state says they want people outdoors, then make it cost prohibitive. As a former federal worker I understand budget needs. But putting extra cost onto tax payers when an agency isn't being fiscally responsible is just plain wrong. I recommend that no additional funding be allocated. Have the transportation department use what they already have and tighten their belts. After a thorough audit of spending at a later date, then come back with funding request if appropriate. A special session for this topic is not warranted and a misuse of the special session. As members of our elected government it is your responsibility to use allocated tax money in a responsible manner. Allocated money needs to be budgeted and spent wisely. We have given a lot as tax payers (even as a retired worker I still pay taxes) and we have no more to give.