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I urge you to vote no on this funding bill. We Oregonians have already voted NO on new taxes but Governor Kotek obviously does not care. These new taxes would drive up cost of living and make it harder for many families to make ends meet. It is reminiscent of the 2017 transportation bill that did not incorporate accountability and transparency. So they never completed the infrastructure projects on time or within budget and all the money from taxpayers was gone. I cannot trust that Governor Kotek or anyone who supports this proposal to have Oregonian's best interests at heart. We need legislation that actually fulfills promises and uses taxpayer money wisely. Please, vote no on this bill. No more money until an audit for other ODOT projects is done. We citizens are not a bank that the government should be able to just take from at will and not prove that they spent the money toward what was promised. Infrastructure before everything else! Also, there is such thing as one person having too much power. Governor Kotek should not have the power to fire the ODOT director, bypassing the commission. The commission keeps checks and balances in place so those in power cannot do whatever they please. Remember, those elected in government are supposed to work FOR their constituents not against them. Please vote no. Thank you.