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This transportation scheme of raising taxes and fees to bail out ODOT is bogus. The governor had no problem in giving \$800 million dollars of tax payer money to the financial black hole of MLB PDX. But minds are made up. During this one day special session, the Republicans will fold like a cheap \$3 suit. The Democrats will have their quorum, and Tina Kotek will have her massive tax and fees increase. The legislature will go on their Labor Day weekend, while people and businesses continue to leave Oregon tax purgatory in search of more tax friendly states. I emailed every single Republican in the legislature voicing my concerns about this upcoming "special session." I received maybe one or two replies, which was nothing more than lip service. Several of my emails to the Republicans were arbitrarily deleted with out being read. The Republicans have shown in the regular session that they would rather kick Oregonians to the curb, and then throw them under the bus rather that stand up and fight for them. The entire political machine in Oregon is in disarray, is very dysfunctional and needs a major overhaul, starting with the governor, and go from there.

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