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With regards to the proposed road/gas tax being voted on by the Oregon legislature: This has been brought up twice already and defeated. The Governor doesn't seem to be able to take "NO!" for an answer.

Oregon's taxes are among the top 10 states in the country. Piling on more taxes could easily move us into the top five, which is nothing to be proud of! The bill is so ill-composed that it doesn't guarantee the funds collected will actually be used for what it's supposed to be. The funds could easily be syphoned off for "pet projects" without accountability. This was actually done by the previous administration: \$10 million was voted to be used for assisting veterans, but none of the funds were actually used for anything remotely helping veterans; there was no accountability resulting in abuse of authority.

WE HAVE ENOUGH TAXES!! What's needed now is accountability for the money currently collected, and to assure those funds are actually going where they need to rather than woke/progressive pet projects that do nothing for the voters who are paying for all the boondoggles currently draining our state coffers.