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For all the reasons we don't need a new tax, 'additional taxes and fees' are also NOT needed! NO NEW TAXES! (including fees, registrations, fuel taxes, pay to drive plans, tolls, traffic cameras or similar)

We pay state income taxes, fuel taxes, obscene registration fees for a sticker every two years. In Multnomah County we pay additional fees at DMV based on the county I live in. Car owners pay \$112 every two years for a bridge (Sellwood) I've driven over once in the same time. I've hit potholes on my motorcycle that would buck the inexperienced like a bull at a rodeo. And Although I'm buying enough gas to fix those holes, the roads look the same or even worse.

We all know the State has enough money. Stop spending it irresponsibly.

The additional load, demand, and forced payments in every bill seems to never stop. I pay for some crazy services in my water bill – Bull Run Filtration Plant that my home will never access. I pay for those who can't afford electricity in my PGE bill. So, It's time users of public transportation systems like Max, Tri Met, SAM or any other similar system to pay for their usage. If it takes \$40 to get an Uber from the airport to Gresham then maybe \$2.80 isn't enough to cover the Tri-Met experience.

Be fiscally responsible. Stop funneling monies to programs and service like DEI and legal counsel for non-citizens and then tell us we don't have money for essential needs like maintaining roads and bridges. Stop over spending on big projects. Stop projects that lose funding like the Rose Quarter.

These behaviors need to stop. Please run a balanced budget, spend money within your means. Your constituents can't afford it. Show us ODOT can make do with what they got, then ODOT can come back and tell us how it was spent. But until then, sticking a mismanaged bill to the people is getting old, the Golden Goose is cooked.

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