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I think we can all agree that taxes are a necessary evil. I am not opposed to taxes or tax increases as they are necessary for our society. What I am opposed to is the lack of oversight on the spending of the revenues and government waste. Simply raising taxes to overcome poor management of a government agency is unacceptable to me as well as most Oregonians and Americans for that matter. Tarping the roof without fixing the leaks will always be a temporary solution. Fix the leaks, Oregon is ranked in the top 20 states for tax burden, yet many of the states ranked lower have better roads. If they can do it, why can we not. Oregon is ranked as the 38th best state to retire in and the 39th best state to start a business in (CNBC 2025). This is mostly due to high taxes and excessive regulation. This bill will not even begin to fix the problems in our state; it is simply a tarp to try and keep us dry for a year or two. My suggestion would be to fix ODOT, then review and prioritize the budget so they are properly funded. Do not add to a tax burden that is already causing businesses to leave Oregon and destroying our economy.