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Oregon's government must learn to live within its means and not use the cover of "emergency" to sustain unsustainable spending. The temporary \$75M in this bill might bridge one year of concessions in collective bargaining, but today's management will find it easier to concede now, cash out, and then pass the problem onto their successors.

We have seen time and time again the legislature commits to new programs and by the time they develop their constituencies and dependents, there is no plan for review or sunset. The result is snowballing state spending.

Oregon really needs to zero-base its budget and reconsider ineffective programs. I feel the only way to force the issue is to let the budget run its course. Sometimes in government, the only thing that will force needed change is a fiscal crisis.