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Taxes and fees that are raised for political gain without a clear cut plan of how money is to be spent is irresponsible government. The people have a right to know where their tax dollars are to be spent and who is held responsible to what division the money is allocated to and for what purpose. Not the general fund as what seems to be tapped as a personal piggy bank for the governor and her whims. I don't feel our state is ready to handle an excessive amount of money until the books are balanced and a stricter eye is kept on who has access to the accounts and where and what it is to be spent. We need to live within a reasonal budget and programs that don't use all their money allocated should not be punished for coming under budget. The use it or lose it idea it stupid to say the least. And we all know it goes on so don't deny that it doesn't. Right now for oregon to get on its feet things have to change and throwing more money at the problem will NOT solve it. Real work needs to be done and not kick the can down the road. For Now NO NEW TAXES!