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On Behalf Of:

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Funding

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

I am urging a no vote on HB3991 for the express purpose as it is not needed by ODOT. What needs to happen, before any money is given out, is a complete audit of every dollar that has been spent and where it has been spent. In 2017, the legislature gave a boatload of money to ODOT for a number of projects that are either not anywhere near completion or have never gotten started. Why? Where are those funds now? The GOP is willing to come up with new rules that will allow ODOT to use some of those existing project funds and reallocate them, at least temporarily, in order to preserve the "jobs" that the governor has threatened to eliminate. All of this can be done without increasing a single tax or fee. As an almost 40 year resident of Oregon, I have seen my taxes increase significantly. I have also seen other expenses such as electricity, water, sewer increase significantly. With all of those, I have had to tighten my other spending which has not been easy. When you only have a certain "pot" of money, any increase in costs hurts. Again, I urge you to seriously look at what this HB 3991 will hurt and vote NO on this legislation. Please don't ignore the will of the people!!