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Funding
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3991

As lawmakers assemble in special session, perhaps the memory of citizen reaction to HB 2025 is still ringing in their ears. Frankly, pushing the largest increases in taxes in our state's history, without clear, specific, extensive and MEASURABLE SOLUTIONS is a no-go.

HB 2025, and then LC2, and now HB 3991, expose what happens when a determined governor and veto-proof legislative majority run headlong into citizen opposition.
You have no reason to assume that opinions have changed. Mine certainly hasn't.

I am a RETIREE driving a 2006 hybrid with 126,000 actual miles. I already pay \$60-80 per month just to keep my tank full, and nearly \$150 to reregister the vehicle. Now I face a legislative scheme that threatens ME with a "mandatory per-mile road usage charge." HELL, NO !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

But more to the point, Oregonians depend on the reliable flow of goods. To approve situations in which truckers can't make a living here, is to aggravate shortages and increased costs for everything. This is a very big and dark issue.

Both Willamette Week and The Oregonian make clear that THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES the legislature seems disinterested in pursuing. Our lawmakers seem content to take us all over the cliff.

It's intellectually dishonest. Lawmakers seem willing to slap an enormous band aid that demonstrates no grasp of how to actually SOLVE THE PROBLEM. Rather, you would throw the state into a very precarious circumstance. So, keep your sticky fingers out of our wallets.

NO on HB 3991