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I strongly oppose this bill - yet another tax on Oregonians. I'm going to start calling Oregon "Illinonian" When I lived in Illinois for five years, I complained bitterly that we were taxed to death for everything. I longed to come home to a state that let people live and keep some of their money. That has dramatically changed. That is what this bill is doing. Oregonians cannot take any more taxes. I will be leaving Oregon if this passes. I will sell my house and move to another state. This state sees a problem, like a complete lack of competent management in an agency, and the answer is tax the people to compensate for the incompetence of that agency. Then, to add insult to injury, this bill would supersede our constitution and allow a bureaucratic agency the right to unilaterally tax the people more! The agency that has already proven it is incompetent to manage their own money, so definitely let them strop the legislature of their authority and dump more money in someone's pocket.

I know for fact this bill would be against the will of Oregonians. Media and you all and the world has started calling you all "leaders." That is inaccurate. You are NOT leaders. You are elected representatives. That means you represent the citizens interests. But because you think you are now leaders, you lead! So therefore, you don't think the will of the people matters.

Maybe you're right. But I will sell my house since you have made it a very unfriendly place to do business. I will move to another state and take my taxes, my gas purchases, and my income with me. I cannot live in a state where the corruption happens right out in the open and the people who are supposed to protect us from it just line their pockets and ignore their jobs.