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Testimony in Opposition to HB 3991

This Act is nothing more than another con job being pushed by corrupt politicians who have spent over 40 years forcing failed policies onto Oregonians. It is wrapped in nice words, but if you read between the lines, you see it for what it is: a scheme to take more money out of taxpayers' pockets.

The so-called "audit of ODOT" would be conducted by the very Transportation Department led by a director handpicked by the Governor — a Governor who has already proven untrustworthy. That is not accountability. That is politicians policing themselves. Meanwhile, the Act opens the door to more taxes, fees, and regulations on every Oregonian who drives a car, truck, or bus. Over time, it even makes the per-mile road usage charge mandatory, creating yet another way to squeeze taxpayers.

I strongly oppose this shenanigan and demand that our elected leaders finally start looking out for the well being of Oregonians. Stop raising taxes. Stop hiding behind fancy words and false promises. If ODOT truly wants to save money, let them start by cutting unnecessary spending — beginning with laying off the bloated DEI workforce that produces no real results and returning supervisors back into the field where real work gets done, repairing our roads instead of sitting behind desks.

Here is a thought, recall the Sanctuary State Status allowing us to use the federal money for the people of Oregon, like our schools instead of being almost last in education in the U.S. Provide help for the homeless and not enable them, and help veterans who cannot live off their lousy cost of living increases that are way below the poverty level. Stop trying to fund Oregon with more taxes because our Sanctuary State status is now illegal and eliminates federal funding. Maybe start with a new governor as well!

Oregonians are forced to live within our means every single day. It is time for government to do the same. No more taxes, no more con jobs, and no more empty promises that only hurt the hardworking people of Oregon.