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It is a basic principle of good governance that you do not put control of the tax rate directly and unaccountably in the hands of the agency (ODOT) that is going to spend the money. The fact that Oregon's Democrat leadership cannot grasp this is yet another example of their complete unfitness to serve in public office. I've seen a lot of stupid proposals in my day, but this one really takes the cake. Another beef I have is the periodic proposals to implement road tolls in the Portland metro highway system. I have watched this play out in other states, and it ALWAYS turns into an entrenched, wasteful bureaucracy that taxes one area of the state (Portland) heavily to pay for the upkeep in the rest of the state. Look, it's not hard to be fair: heavy trucks and studded tires cause the most damage on Oregon's highways. Tax the hell out of those. Also, you were stupid enough to think that electric cars are going to save the planet, and now gas taxes are down? Looks like it is time to raise fees on electric cars for the Entitled Class. And if you weren't funding dumb DEI crap in the general fund you probably wouldn't have to raise the gas tax so much in this session.