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At the same time that Oregon is last in the nation on so many critical services, and Oregonians in Multnomah County have some of the highest taxes in the nation with the poorest outcomes in terms of safety and livability— you have the audacity to hold this session on the Sunday of a holiday weekend- labor day, ironically- to slide in a whole new round of taxes. At the same time that the Portland city council, Multnomah county, and the various Metro based entities decry a lack of affordability for Oregonians, they- and you- are continually pointing the finger elsewhere rather than looking at your own shortsighted policies and inability to manage your budgets. How do you expect any Oregonian to support dumping millions upon millions more of our hard earned, taxpayer dollars into such a leaking bucket? You don't. Which is why you, our state legislature, is to attempting to pass this absolutely asinine money grab of a bill in what amounts to the dead of night, after public scrutiny demonstrated time and time again that we, the people of this great State, were against it. This is unacceptable. Figure out how to spend the money sitting in pockets unaccounted for throughout the State first, demonstrate you are fiscally responsible and responsive innovators who can balance a budget like all of the rest of us, by setting priorities, pinching, scrimping, and saving, before you go demanding more. HARD NO on this bill. Do better, for Oregonians.