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Changing the bill numbers on house bills and continuously attempting to raise taxes on gas, vehicle title and registration, and payroll does not change the fact that the State is going to run itself into poverty by decreasing tax revenue because it is going to run businesses out of business or into other states. It will decrease tourism to Oregon because people won't be able to afford to visit. It will increase cost on everything because shipping will increase the cost of everything. We are in a state of recovery after COVID and reckless inflation. I feel like I speak for every Oregonian when I say "we cannot afford it!" ODOT needs to prioritize physical services and safety and decrease overhead. All business needs to stick to a budget and ODOT needs to prioritize and cut wasteful or unnecessary spending. This special session does not set well with me because leadership has wasted a lot of resources by scheduling on a holiday weekend only to not show up and handle business. And as this drags on, the only thing transparent is that bill numbers will change in an attempt to sneak one through on the people of the State of Oregon. Please stop, our State has run too many successful companies out by overtaxing and underproviding. Please be transparent.