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Stop the fiscal irresponsibility in the Oregon legislature! I voted for the Abernathy bridge widening project about 10 years ago, but the money was diverted to "other" transportation related projects, namely the MAX green line, which I vehemently opposed and voted "no" on. Stop deceiving THE PEOPLE then raising taxes again because the bridge project is way over budget from cost over runs. Oregon State legislature needs to make a modestly bidded budget for necessary infrastructure, and continuously supervise it and continuously audit it once the project has started. THE PEOPLE expect you all to be frugal with our hard-earned dollars. Legislators are to only budget money to programs/projects THE PEOPLE voted for. There should be no money for pet political party projects when money needs to go to expensive bridge repairs or replacements. THE PEOPLE refused increasing taxes and fees at every recent election, so stop trying to find ways to circumvent the will of THE PEOPLE.

Because you are projecting more revenue than reality, there is always going to be a deficit. Leaving federal money on the table because of Oregon's sanctuary status was/is a really dumb social and financial decision. The reality is that large, high paying companies have already left Oregon, and the high earners with them. Raising taxes and fees for driving to work, for employers, or for transportation (semi trucks) of food and other supplies to come and go to Oregon causes increased prices and lower spendable income per household. This really hurts the remaining moderate to low income people, financially strapping Oregonians. My local neighborhood blog is filled with neighbors requesting assistance for school supplies, kids school clothes, rent shortages, and financial assistance for unexpected bills and pet food.

Oregonians are maxed out!

My solution is to defund every project THE PEOPLE have not approved until the roads and bridges are completed on time and on budget. Then, THE PEOPLE can vote for the next important project to us, not you politicians.