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As a father of three school-aged children in Oregon, I strongly oppose HB 3992 because it prioritizes bloated bureaucratic spending on transportation audits and programs over the urgent needs of our public education system, all while setting the stage for inevitable tax increases that will hit hardworking families like mine the hardest. This bill shifts \$800,000 from the General Fund—money that comes straight from our taxes—and balloons Other Funds expenditures by over \$200 million for the Department of Transportation to implement HB 3991, including payroll tax distributions that could easily translate into higher costs passed down to everyday Oregonians. ? My kids deserve well-funded schools with smaller class sizes, updated textbooks, and programs that prepare them for the future, not more funds funneled into endless audits and administrative overhead for ODOT. ? We've already seen taxes creep up year after year, making it tougher to afford basics like groceries and extracurriculars, and this bill's emergency declaration feels like a rush to spend without real accountability. Instead of raising the tax burden on parents striving to give their children a solid education, lawmakers should redirect these resources to classrooms where they belong—our families can't afford another hit to our wallets for priorities that don't put kids first.