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Oregon's cost of living and taxes combined amount to one of the highest in the nation already. It's getting harder to justify having mountains and ocean nearby to make up for it. Many high income earners, which represent about 4% of the population in the state, yet pay over 40% of the income tax collected, are being driven out of the state to states with a more fair tax system and better infrastructure and roads for that matter. Oregonians cannot afford any more increases, and this will hit lower income residents the hardest. Recent surveys have revealed that quality of the roads, though important, is not at the top of everyone's list as a priority. Learn to operate within a budget and more efficiently just like the rest of us. Opposed!