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I have four children and am sole income in our family. We live in a 2 bedroom apartment because we can't afford 3 bedroom: we can't afford a mortgage for a house. Groceries and rent eat up almost all our income. We don't drive much to reduce gas costs; we nickel and dime our way and deny ourselves so many conveniences. But this bill will bleed us more. Every cent at the pump matters; extra costs to renew our vehicles and licenses matter; those are all extra costs that many of us can't afford an increase. We can't afford what Oregon currently charges. We should lesson taxes and remove red tape that increase our cost of living. I keep seeing all our costs increase. My income cannot keep up with the rise of costs. Oregon must take actions that reduce our costs.