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This proposal is, effectively, a tax increase. While tax increases may be necessary from time to time, this is a particularly ill-designed revenue mechanism which is unlikely to accomplish any targeted purpose but will continue to impoverish the very Oregonians we often claim to champion. While I appreciate the political expediency of hiding tax increases willy-nilly throughout the apparatus of the state, that mechanism just makes meaningful reform increasingly difficult. Whether we need to fix PERS, increase revenues, decrease spending, remove costly regulation, or some combination of those, we should begin with the end in mind and work with clear, simple tax/regulatory programs to do so. I urge a moratorium on back-door taxes of all kinds and I ask the legislators to join me in opposing this bill, regardless of whether they fall on the "pro" or "anti" revenue-increase line.