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Before proposing and voting on adding a retail tax, a comprehensive and independent audit needs to be performed on the current Budget situation. Root out the wasteful spending before digging into the wallets of the citizens of Oregon. With the losses of Dutch Bros., Nike, and other large businesses from Oregon, it shouldn't be the responsibility of citizens to make up the difference when there have been continuing attempts by our current Democratic led legislature to do just that. Instead, put effort into strengthening Oregon businesses with productive industry that want to be here and can do business reasonably.

Citizens live on a budget, budgets get tighter all the time. We aren't bottomless wallets for the politicians to dig into any time they want, without any push back from the people. When the wallets are empty, they're empty. There is no such thing as a "Money Tree" we can just go out and pick from. To operate from the standpoint that citizens can just keep tolerating their dollars being stripped from them is not realistic.