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This short-sighted bill is nothing more than a smoke and mirrors game by the supermajority body politic: a temporary reduction of other taxes to introduce a sales tax, bringing Oregon on par with the few states that have the "Big Three" of taxes: Property, Income and Sales, and in true Oregon Democrat fashion, will start the round robin of incremental increases after a few sessions of letting rates rest, so that voters will forget and retain those that implemented the bill in office. The purposes that this tax implementation will be dedicated is part of the smoke and mirrors game. Those that have read the bill will immediately know that the vast majority of the funds will be diverted to the General Fund and the economic development strategy pet project. If the state were serious about bringing jobs and business back to Oregon, they would reduce taxes, cut nonsense regulations and streamline the process as much as is practicable.

The implementation of a sales tax would only be acceptable IF property and income taxes were eliminated permanently with no possibility of legislative, or ballot measure re-introduction at a later time. Property taxes make taxpayers indebted to the state. Elderly homeowners and those on fixed incomes get crushed by the ever-increasing burden. Income taxes aren't fair at all because of the deductions by the wealthy that everyone else cannot access, and those that know how to dodge any kind of income tax burden.