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Oregon has a budget problem not a revenue problem. Under one party control State government keep growing disproportionate to population growth and spending on partisan issues has ballooned. In 2025, Democrats, in their constant quest for more revenue tried to pass HB 2025 that would have increased taxes on Oregonians by over \$14 Billion dollars. Through missteps and voter anguish they finally passed a partisan bill for over \$4 Billion dollars for a mismanaged agency.

It has been reported that over 90% of the bill testimony was opposed and yet Democrats ignored taxpayers. Oregon's Democrat Governor then sat on the bill in an attempt to prevent a successful taxpayer petition drive and later told Oregonians not to sign the petition. Oregonians are mad and in a record amount of time 250,000 Oregonians signed a no tax petition for a November 2026 election.

Democrats realizing they would face re-election at the same time first tried to revoke the bill. That failed so now they want to change the election date to a date where fewer Oregonians vote. You can't make this up. This bill needs to die. Oregonians deserve the right to vote in November just as the petition they signed stated. Oregon partisan politics has become really disgusting. It's no surprise a majority of the state wants to break away. Tax after tax, usually called something else keeps happening as Democrats say well it's only a few dollars. Those few dollars have made Oregon the worst state in the nation for take home pay and one of the highest taxed states. Do the right thing and kill the bill.