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On Behalf Of: people who think you mismanage money
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With a watchful eye on my district's Representative Chotzen and Senator Pham, I register my STRONG OPPOSITION to this politically sleazy bill. I last submitted testimony to Salem in 2025 to oppose multiple ODOT-related tax increases. Actually, I had to submit testimony *two times* that week after the legislature opened a 2nd round of testimony, leaving constituents in the dark as to whether or not our 1st round testimony was even being considered. Sneaky 2025 tactics aside, obviously it was all for nothing since the "emergency" session dragged on for weeks until the clinching vote recovered enough to return to work. Obviously, zero shock you have more tricks up your sleeve. Any representative who states that referendums have appeared on May ballots is, of course, engaging in a red herring debate tactic. A quarter of a million Oregonians signed a petition to put a referendum on the November 2025 ballot, and you deserve to have to run for re-election on the same ballot where I will be registering for the 4th time my opposition to you reaching into my earnings because you lack the financial discipline all the rest of us are forced to have. I just sifted through 1,180 testimonial opinions on SB1599 and only found 11 in support of the bill. And of those 11, the text on 3 opinions makes clear their submitter wants the referendum in November 2026, so I am eager to see how much weight the testimony carries from those remaining 8 Oregonians who have bothered to speak their mind in support of SB1599. There is only so much abuse taxpayers are willing to take from folks whose answer to everything is, "more of your money, now."