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We moved to Springfield now over 5 years ago and have not been able to afford a home, after having been homeowners for many decades in Lane County. Now the state is raising our taxes & fees even more. Today I received our vehicle registration renewal, and it too has increased by 8%. My employer has not been able to increase my wages, certainly not by 8%. Already we have tightened our belts, living frugally. Our state government needs to learn to tighten its belt and omit things from the budget that are not absolute public necessities, ODOT must do this too!

I signed the petition opposing these increases and I oppose this trick of moving this to the May ballot. Shame on you who seek to do this. Real hard-working Oregonian's are real stressed with money, taking more from our pockets is not helpful and effectively denying our voices to be heard is a disgrace to so called democracy.

Thank you for doing the right thing  
Richard Clay