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Yet another of many examples' demonstrating the utter hypocrisy and arrogant disregard of Oregon voters shown by a majority of Oregon legislators. "Democracy, Democracy!" is shouted when it suits their agenda. Anything but Democracy when that agenda is challenged, especially when it comes to the constant effort to appropriate as much of their subjects hard earned money via taxation as possible (yes, We the People have become de facto 'subjects'). Consider: The Commercial Activity Tax, a new tax on floating devices under 10', and so many more, ad nauseum. Now, again, complete disregard for the will of average Oregonians with the devious SB 1599! Democracy? Sadly, this is more proof that Oregon's state 'government' is essentially a massive irresponsibly managed and bloated slush fund for many elected officials and their minions with no empathy for how much these never-ending taxes burden their subjects. When these crushing tax burdens finish off the farmers/ranchers who feed everyone, small business, as well as further impoverish average Oregonians, will you who support constant new taxation finally pay attention?