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I strongly oppose the SB 1599 increase in gas tax and other fees. We already pay more for gas, because of the taxes, than most states, except for California. The government gives with one hand(a piddly increase in Social Security), and then takes with the other hand. I doesn't matter if it is State or Federal, you are still taking from the people who can least afford these increases. You dictate what kind of fuel we can purchase, so our cars, motorcycles, lawn mowers, chainsaws, and other equipment will not operate efficiently, or worse yet it destroys the motor. Then you tax it to the point that we can't afford it anyway. You are intent on raising fees for everything! And what do WE get for for these increased fees? Crappy roads and toll roads. My objection is not so that I can afford a long cross country trip in a motor home, I am concerned about just getting to my Doctor, an hour away, or getting groceries a 1/2hr from home. Much of Oregon is in rural areas with little or no public transportation. Do you think I wanted to live way out here, far from family or services with unaffordable property insurance, if you can even get any. The answer is, this is the only place I could afford on my "ample" retirement income.Oregon used to be a state to be proud of. The roads were maintained, prices were reasonable, taxes somewhat low. Now I consider Oregon to be just "California North". What ever California does, Oregon does, just like sheep that would run off of a cliff, just because the leaders do. At the very least, we who have to pay for these increases should be allowed to vote on them. Vote NO on SB1599 Gas Tax & Fee Increases.