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How many times have Oregonians voted down a sales tax? I think it is something like 9 times. And yet, the legislature keeps trying to strangle us with this unpopular idea. For example, they recently passed a sales tax known as a Privilege Tax paid by car and RV dealers, but passed on to the purchaser. Then there is the corporate activity tax paid on sales above \$1Million, resulting in higher prices or directly passed through to the purchaser. I was shocked to learn that Oregon has a sales tax and experienced both of these sales taxes in 2022 when I purchased a vehicle.

The summary of HB 4079 should read: An act to ensure the success of the "Move Oregon's Border to Idaho" initiative.

Regarding this bill, I am adamantly opposed to both the concept of adding another sales tax in order to send free money to low-income Oregonians, using the Robinhood approach. I will surely assist in a legal battle to overturn this if passed into law. I am sure there will be many others who will do the same. If you want a sales tax, put it on the ballot.

Oregon businesses are already struggling with an inadequate workforce. Paying people so they don't have to work makes the problem worse. This will cause inflation, creating a hardship on low-income people. Kind of like how increasing the minimum wage doesn't actually solve anything. Everyone's wages go up, prices go up and the people on minimum wage don't actually get ahead.

Based on the huge kicker that will be coming our way, there is evidently a lot of spare tax money in Oregon. Don't add another tax. If you want to give away money, try using the funds you already have.

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