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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3362

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I strongly urge you to oppose HB3362 due to the state's persistent mismanagement of taxpayer dollars and the undue burden it places on Oregonians already stretched thin. At a time when families are struggling to put food on the table—food prices have risen over 15% in the past two years according to the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis—lawmakers should not be raising taxes further. Yet, HB3362 threatens to do just that, piling onto a system that has repeatedly failed to use our money wisely.

Take Measure 110 as a stark warning. In 2023, the Oregon Health Authority cut funding to Bright Transitions after it misused grants, including spending $3,000 monthly from taxpayer funds on a director's personal mortgage instead of program housing. This was one of three recipients flagged for financial irregularities, revealing weak oversight of millions in marijuana tax revenue intended for addiction support.

Then there's the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS). A 2023 audit showed DHS spent $39 million defending negligence claims in foster care, money that could have fed struggling families but instead propped up a broken system plagued by staff shortages and poor management.

The Cover Oregon fiasco still stings, too. A 2022 House Oversight Committee report confirmed that $305 million in federal funds were lost to state mismanagement and political meddling, with lawsuits and investigations dragging into recent years as a costly epilogue.

From Bright Transitions' misspent grants to DHS's legal sinkhole and Cover Oregon's collapse, Oregon has shown it cannot be trusted with more of our money. People are skipping meals to make ends meet, and now HB3362 wants to tax us more? This is unacceptable. I implore you to focus on accountability, not new burdens. Vote no on HB3362.

Thank you, Daniel Dewitt


Also: ODOT JUST LOST A BILLION DOLLARS & I'm just expected to take it in the chin and give you more of my money. No thanks