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Only 11 states plus the District of Columbia have higher state & local taxes as a percentage of personal income than does Oregon. Evidently the Oregon legislature wants to reduce that number and move Oregonians even higher into the ranks of the highest taxed citizens in the USA. It would not be so difficult to endure Oregon's high taxes if the services provided by Oregon government were of high quality. However, Oregon ranks at or near the bottom of every metric of k-12 education success. Oregon has some of the worst roads and traffic congestion in the USA. Oregon government has a record of waste & corruption: The BETC fraud, the Obama-Care website that didn't register even one person for health insurance, the CRC that was designed but never built, Cylvia Hayes, and the list goes on. Over a trillion dollars spent with nothing to show for all of that taxpayer money. Oregon's 2nd highest in the nation top marginal income tax rate is only partially justified by the lack of a general sales tax. Oregon voters have consistently voted against the imposition of a general sales tax. But in your continual effort to enrich your favored causes & constituents rather than adhere to the message from hard-working, honest Oregonians, the Oregon legislature has been back-dooring a general sales tax by implementing the gross receipts tax and expanding the list of excise taxes. A vote in favor of adding tires to the list of excise-taxed items shows your clear commitment to ignoring the will of the voters and your continued desire to waste Oregonians' hard-earned money on your pet projects without asking for taxpayer support.