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Response

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The super-majority in Oregon has so badly managed virtually everything it has touched that every legislative session they demand more and more taxes from the citizens of our state in order to pay for their folly. HB 3197 is just the next step in the creeping creation of sales taxes. Oregon already ranks in the upper fifty percent of states in terms of tax burden on its citizens. Add to that the fact that Oregon is among the least friendly states for businesses, based on tax and regulation structures aimed at business owners, and you have a formula for collapsing our economy. Many people are leaving the state of Oregon in search of residence in states where there is less taxation and government regulation. Adding new taxes for consumers to pay will only hasten that process. Instead of taxing the citizens to death, the super-majority ought to focus on better management of resources and making Oregon more attractive to businesses, thus providing more jobs and better living conditions. I oppose HB 3197. It is an unnecessary and unfair burden on the citizens of the most beautiful state in the union.