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Too many times I've watched the word emergency used and are spending policies. They were really not in an emergency. We need to balance our budget need to go through the whole process Looking Back The Last 5 Years on things that you've passed to pay out with taxpayer funds what's working what's not working scratch the stuff that's not working use that money towards the stuff that is working. Basically organ is a beautiful stay with a lot of resources and I'm talking about our Timber our agriculture or mining everything that's renewable. It's past time for the Oregon legislator to claim the federal lands in our state and give them to the counties that they are in. Take down the gates open up the roads to the public land he lies the roads as fire breaks that's what they were designed for and put in for after the fire of 1933 that burnt till 1951 known as a Tillamook burn. I'm a contractor in the state of Oregon the last 35 years I've watched fields that were subdivided and homes put in that we're probably collecting \$1,000 a year taxes on and now there's 250 to 300 houses there that are collecting taxes of \$3,000 Plus it's not a money issue it's an agenda issue. We need to look at our resources for money not tax the taxpayers so heavily that they move from the state the money's there. We just need to allocate it and spend it wisely and we'll have more than enough and as far as jobs, if we utilize our resources properly will open up the state to prosperity instead of Doom and Gloom. I understand that you have a big job ahead of you and it's not easy however you were elected to do it for oregonians. Not outside entities, agendas, lobbyist Etc. You're in charge of the budget I expect you to do it wisely. I go to work everyday my company pays over \$100,000 a year for the last 10 years to the state of Oregon and some kinds of fees taxes in order to do my business and make money. Trust me I spend it wisely and I expect you to look after my state and not other states and other agendas. Thank you very much and I hope you do read this and it sinks in a little bit. It's a great state I was born in 1959 the 100 year anniversary of the state and I'm ashamed of the state it is in now we can do better. Thank you again