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Oregon is facing a budget shortfall for the 2025-27 biennium. Economic forecasts from late 2024 projected a \$582 million deficit, driven by slower revenue growth and rising costs in education, healthcare, and wildfire management. Adding initiatives like a grant program to stop violence exacerbates fiscal strain when the state struggles to fund existing obligations. Oregon cannot afford discretionary spending on unproven violence prevention schemes when core services are at risk.