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I am in opposition to HB 2025 which was done in secret in a non public reviewed area consisting of 175 pages of secret taxes. Instead of auditing ODOT and getting savings by reducing head count & reviewing accounting anomalies, the democratic legislature is saddling the tax payers with more taxes primarily focused on private automobile operation & ownership. Mass transit is unsafe due to lack of policing & vagrant mentally ill violent junkies. There is no mass transit in rural areas. Throwing more money at transit is simply money laundering. Energy costs due to the religion of climate change & Brown's residual effect due to administrative appointments. President Trump has lowered energy costs across this country & only high fuel tax states are falling behind economically. What benefit does having taxes as high as New York City give us in Portland? It's not a robust economy or attracting even more vagrant junkie homeless. It's not cultural since most of us avoid downtown Portland. The biggest problem in the Peoples republic of Oregon is that the majority of jobs are government not private, which applies the increasing tax burden to a smaller pool of taxpayers. I am already considering moving out of Oregon even though I was born here and have spent most of my working life here. I am truly tired of how much of my tax money is wasted on ILLEGALS.