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As a retirement aged, native Oregonian, it is increasingly difficult to pay everyday living expenses. The last thing Oregonians need at this time is an increase in fees or taxes, in conjunction with the rising prices of consumer products. HB2025 will lead to a radical increase in both of these. Not only does it directly affect citizens with increased taxes and fees, it increases the taxes and fees on the shipping of consumer products that will greatly impact the prices at retail establishments.

As representatives of the Oregon people, the state legislature should be looking out for their economic wellbeing, not looking for new ways to take money out of their pockets. We have not seen an improvement in Oregon's economy or a reduction in state government spending for decades. If the Oregon people don't see relief soon, these problems will increase exponentially - including even more homelessness, increased illegal activities, an exodus out of the state by taxpaying citizens, etc.

While this bill is excessive in its overreach and spending, I don't believe that any kind of compromise would even be acceptable. This bill should be scrapped in its entirety.