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I am opposed to increased fees and any new taxes to support transportation needs. As an Oregonian, over the decades, I have routinely supported local bonds for school and fire operations. We now rank among the highest tax rates in the country. At the same time, over these last years, we see declining standards/failed outcomes for the services for which we are ostensibly paying. Giving another mammoth lump sum to fix all that's incomplete from previous funding runs, or turned out to not be the desired solution is not rational.

If the system is broken (which by it's own description it is), it needs to be fixed first, before any additional funding.

If this oversight function is not in the legislature's book, then it should be required by the legislature from whomever is responsible for accounting for our tax dollars, before more money is awarded in the budget. The strategies of declaring an audit, or lowering standards in order claim success or achievement is used to frequently by our government.

Oregonians are stretched by today's economy, and obliged to figure out how to make dollars stretch to cover basics. The legislature should be equally good stewards of the funds we pay in taxes. No new/increased taxes. Thank you.