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Oregonians have to work with the funds they have and either have to pivot, trim or reorganize their money. ODOT on the other hand has an extensive history of mismanaging funds and having inaccurate budget systems. The I-5 Rose Quarter project ballooned from \$450 million to potentially 1.9 billion on the conservative end. The I-205 Abernathy Bridge project started at \$248 million, increased to \$495 million and is now up to \$815 million and counting. The mismanagement is inexcusable. So now to make up the budget deficit, they are wanting to tax residents by 300% in some areas. This is unacceptable. They need to rebuild trust and make what they have work. We also need to focus on maintaining existing roads and infrastructure—basic and necessary community needs instead of relying on federal funding for these extravagant projects. Let's get back to basics and fundamentals. No to HB2025.