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Just a short word. My wife and I along with many friends and family who are retired or soon can retire after 30 to 40 years of working hard to be able to retire, are very concerned with all the tax hikes and hikes in fees for licenses and permits. Have we been forgotten? Most of us feel we have. Some of us are looking at a possible move to a state where our retirement savings and investment will go further, and not be taxed to death or overwhelmed with state fees. Also a state that won't steal money owed to the tax payers. Many of us feel like we are being pushed out or forced out to protect our retirement. It's not fair and there has to be better budgeting. Is anyone thinking maybe if there were some tax and fee cuts or reductions that retirees and others would stay in Oregon and spend their money here? Please stop raising or hiking taxes, fees and permits. There has to be better ways to finance Oregon without financially harming its retirees and working residents raising children, and trying to maintain their budgets.