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I strongly oppose any new taxes whatsoever. Higher taxes will not solve Oregon's transportation needs nor any of its financial deficits. Oregon lawmakers have a spending problem. Balancing a budget is not difficult - simply don't spend more than you take in and set surplus aside in a rainy day fund. If you can't repair our roads or maintain basic transportation services with the revenue you already have, then how about you stop building unwanted bike lanes and Max lines and spending billions on the planning phase for an interstate bridge that only benefits Washington residents. If Portland wants those things, let Portland pay for it themselves. Oregonians are taxed enough already and this bill will create further hardships for lower and middle class residents. Oregon needs its own DOGE - I would gladly kick in a little extra to help pay for that instead of EV charging stations that no one uses. I respectfully ask that you get your priorities straight starting with a balanced budget.