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I oppose this new substantial tax increase. Oregon residence are already over burdened with the cost of housing and the cost of gasoline. Even though, with President Trumps agenda to "drill baby drill" and gas has decreased across the nation, the whole west coast cost for fuel has not kept up with the nation wide reduction in cost. What Oregon needs to do is to DOGE the agencies and reduce the waste, abuse and corruption. The cost of housing is prohibitive for most of Oregonians and keeps getting worse. The cost to rent is outrageous. How much of this tax increase is going to free handouts of illegals and for people who have left the workforce because they make a good living with the free handouts.

in 2024 Oregon had a huge kicker rebate and the projections for 2026 is even bigger. That is excess tax revenue. It is ridicules that Oregon legislators what to increase taxes, by such a large percentage when they already take in excess tax revenue.. It is more than apparent that Democrats know nothing about fiscal responsibility. Democrat legislators have already destroyed all the major cities on the west coast with their stupid policies and I am sure that is part of the reason they feel they need to raise taxes because of the major budget short falls in the major cities. Instead of being fiscal responsible. So put a vote to the people to have a portion of the kicker refund, to go to funding transportation. Or are the democrats afraid that they have screwed Oregonians so much that Oregonians will vote against any tax increase. Shameful behavior by Oregon's woke democrat legislators