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I oppose this bill, even as amended. What was not changed was the amount of payroll tax that would be increased. There is also nothing in the bill that required ODOT to show the public how it is spending its money. Legislatures have constantly warned that there will be "dire consequences," but what happened to all the money that ODOT has received in the past? There is clearly distrust of the government and how it is spending our hard-earned tax dollars, and this is no different. The bill also kept in reference to tolls when Oregonians have been clear - we will not accept tolls. I oppose this bill. ODOT and the legislature needs to go back to the drawing board, figure out how the money is being spent, eliminate waste or unnecessarily expensive items, and come back to the tax paying citizens with a real plan that holds ODOT accountable for its spending.