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I strongly oppose House Bill 2025. Oregon residents of Oregon can't afford increased fees and taxes. Oregon's economy is severely struggling right now and we are losing businesses every day. I have friends and clients in the construction businesses that are leaving this state for jobs outside of Oregon because there aren't the construction jobs or work in Oregon. These are fathers that are gone for weeks at a time and only get to come back and see their kids and family that are still in Oregon for just a few days before flying back to a state where the taxes aren't hindering business growth and that there's work for them. I'm having multiple discussions with businesses and clients about what it looks like to give properties back to the bank. Buildings are vacant and businesses are making the decision to leave Oregon every single day. Some of those are public like Keen and Dutch Bros., but so many are happening quietly that are smaller. It's because of the taxes that Oregon residents and businesses can't afford. Please don't burden Oregon residents with another tax that forces us to leave this state.