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This bill is just absurd in the fact that a number of states pay at least a dollar less than Oregon residents in gas and diesel, and they even have sales tax as well. Even with the sales tax, they are still paying quite a bit less than Oregon residents. Many of us can see that the Oregon Legislature is trying to force families to invest in electric vehicles. The EV vehicle is not particularly useful to people who live in rural areas that don't live close to Portland, Salem, or Eugene. It is also obvious to many of us that our farmers are struggling to survive, and in our cities, businesses are closing their doors and leaving the area or the state entirely. Cottage Grove is a very good example. Rite-Aid and Walgreens left our city in Lebanon in less than a month, and our population is growing, not deteriorating. We are down to two major grocery stores, and we once had four. We have families that need to buy a new car, but with the new tax that the Democrats are proposing, the cost will increase to a level that people can not afford. Our politicians must think we are all making a very nice salary, and can afford another tax increase, while they have no checks and balances to insure the the money is being spent wisely. Most of us think that is not the case.