

My husband and I moved from California for a reason. Other than the very hot temperatures in the Sacramento Valley, it was and is obvious. California has lacked leadership for some time. They pushed a proposition on voters which 'promised' better roads and infrastructure. (I used to work for Caltrans and well remember the Highway Fund being robbed to better 'manage' the General Fund.) The roads have NOT improved! Much of the funding achieved has, instead, gone towards the train to nowhere or in someone's pockets.

Oregon seems to be heading in the very same direction! Stop with the extra taxes purported to 'fix' the problem! Stop with not providing adequate funding for major highway projects yet providing funding elsewhere in the State for someone's 'pet' project!

It is time for the State of Oregon to develop its own "Department of Government Efficiency"! There is untold waste, corruption and outright ineptness. It existed in California (I worked for the State for 38 years so am familiar with what happens with State spending...) It definitely exists here!

There should be NO increase in any way shape or form until Oregon can honestly say it has cleaned house. Oregon needs to prove it can handle a balanced budget with moneys being spent not just wisely but also frugally.

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