

My family has lived on the Oregon coast since 1956. I grew up in Newport, and now live in Toledo. I have watched my hometown slowly turn from a peaceful small tourist town, safe enough to where doors could be left unlocked and kids could roam free until the street lights came on, to a gentrified and overstuffed mess under Democrat leadership. Longtime residents and small business owners are being slowly pushed out and priced out in favor of wealthy outsiders who want us to follow in California's

footsteps. Housing prices are through the roof. Residents are being nickel-and-dimed to death little by little by rising property taxes, gas taxes, state taxes, and levies that never seem to fix whatever problem they are supposed to. Roads remain unrepaired, schools are not maintained (because the recent replacement of our grass in school playgrounds and football fields with astroturf was apparently more important), and our homeless problem is only getting worse. Oil prices are supposedly down, but we don't

see it because our gas tax is one of the highest in the country. With every increase of our minimum wage, the price of everything else goes up too. Yet we are still paying more and more in taxes...for what? For incompetent politicians and local officials to play favorites, gaslight their constituents, and line their pockets with our money while nothing actually changes? I for one am tired of being bled dry and seeing nothing come of it. I 100% oppose HB2025, and if you have even an iota of common sense

or apathy for the average worker, you should too. We can't afford to keep throwing money at the problem...it hasn't worked yet! What we do need is an independent audit of our state, and we need to figure out what exactly our money IS paying for, because it's not going towards fixing anything wrong with the state.