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I am writing in deep opposition to this large tax increase the legislature is looking to impose on Oregonians. As we are already one of the highest tax states, working families, such as mine are stretched too thin. We simply cannot absorb more taxes. Not only for working families, but for businesses large and small already having to make tough decisions to tighten our belts and reduce costs. Your bill is only adding yet another burden that makes Oregon a less desirable place to live. My family is already considering leaving the state and are actively looking at other places we could go. Businesses are fleeing the state as well. Recent examples include Dutch Bros, Keen, Tektroniks, and Adobe leaving the state, harming working families and local economies. Earlier this year it was announced that ODOT had a billion dollar "accounting error" that used incorrect assumptions to generate more revenue than it actually had. As an accountant myself, I find this to be unacceptable that the response is then to demand more tax from Oregonians to resolve sloppy work and a lack of accountability. When working families experience budget shortfalls, we tighten our belts, we eliminate waste, we do what we can to lower our expenses and put off larger purchases for a later date. Why won't our government do the same? Please vote no on this disastrous tax increase on working families and businesses in Oregon.