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The middle class and small businesses cannot continue to absorb these inflation costs. Oregon and specifically Multnomah county already has the second highest tax burden in the Nation. People are getting their taxes raised through this federal tax increase that is likely going into affect this year. We already pay a Trimet tax. Small businesses have not even recovered post pandemic inflation yet. It is hard to find employees to work even with a \$20 an hour wage because inflation is so high. At some point, there will be no money left. If you tax everyone to death people will slip into poverty, people who already have housing instability will not be helped, and high earners will just leave the state. I am a life long liberal but even I think it's too much. If you want people to pay taxes they have to start seeing the benefit too. Like the middle class needs some subsidies on housing, etc. All of our utilities just went up as well. This will kill small businesses. Oregon is just going to have to figure out how to restructure their finances and work with the very large tax funds they already have.