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I am in opposition of this measure.

We here in rural Oregon already pay higher gas prices than in the more urban areas and as gas is already high everywhere, how can they possibly justify making it even higher?

I can not see my way clear in voting into existence a measure that is going to ask Oregonians to pay even higher taxes when we are already one of the highest taxed states to begin with. Our state government is always trying to find a way to fund their overinflated lifestyles and their quest for bigger wages.

Stop spending our existing tax money frivolously and spend it on all the empty promises being made instead of more bad legislative decisions that are making people poor and squashing the middle class out of existence. It seems they will not be happy until we are homeless and living in the streets. We won't even have the luxury of living in our car because we can't afford that either or be able to gas them up to get out of this state.

We already pay road taxes but are seeing Oregon infrastructure everywhere going to hell. We already pay higher gas prices than other states. Prices of vehicles are also extremely high already without adding another double digit percentage to it.

How about we take a good look at cutting unnecessary expenses within the state government, stop all the government hand outs, like the ballooning WIC program that is suddenly as big as the SNAP program and put a cap on the continuing minimum wage epidemic. All of this seems like a stupid, viscous circle and the average, hardworking Oregonian paying for all of these program handouts can no longer sustain their own lives let alone pay for all of those unwilling to do so. We have surpassed a "hand up" to a "hand out" a long time ago.

Long story short. "When you find yourself in a hole, quit digging!"

This crazy measure will raise the cost of living that will impact every aspect of our lives. There are already people leaving the state. This will push even more out.

Vote it down!