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In about 1971 I remember Oregon passing a gas tax. The tax was destined to be used for roadways and maintenance of roadways. The tax would be perpetually funded because as every vehicle fuels that fues up will be taxed through the fuel, more vehicles more fuel used more taxes. What an eye opener this was for me. For a while we had great roads Improvement of infrastructure and life was good. Then the pet projects started draining our road tax dollars. I cannot see why we should pay additional taxes when the state has mismanaged the initial agreement of State Road tax being used on state roads. Cars and Road use have increased, taxes paid by those Vehicles has increased. Where has the money gone. My response for this bill is no. Until you can show me where the gas taxes I voted for in the '70s have gone that were charged to make and repair roadways. I don't feel that this is been managed correctly and adding more money to a mismanaged system is not going to fix it. Balance your checkbook like you do at home, you cant keep mis-managing taxpayers funds. My income is limited similar to the rest of us aging generation. We can't keep paying for your mismanagement. Tighten your belt and say no to a few things. Just like we do at home to make ends meet. The money tree does not exist.