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I was able to retire early due to the type of work I did. Meaning the physical and mental toll working for the state of Oregon. Currently paying for my own medical insurance which is insanely expensive. This bill is extremely unfair and harmful to most working and retired Oregon tax payers. This bill ,if passed, makes Oregon residents like myself have to completely reevaluate our budgets and make cuts that would make us spend less into Oregon's recreation, small business's and economy. Also makes us consider a different state of residence to avoid such unfair legislation and tax hikes. My wife and I are already researching this after close family members and friends have already left. Never in my life did I ever consider moving out of Oregon, but it looks like the best option if things don't change at the capital in the next 2 years. 20% voter turn out doesn't help either. People have to stop thinking why bother. Democrats will win anyway. Oregon is on the verge of flipping with more republicans than they know, and democrats sick of the bad direction their party has gone. Way more Oregonians need to vote! Also \$10,000,000 for a market I will never visit in Portland is a complete waste of tax payer \$. Believe the wild fire bill needs it more! Then we don't have to create a new tax for that. So stupid and unfair. Portland has been so unsafe and sketchy, my wife and I avoided visiting or staying there for the last 8 years. Used to enjoy shows, dining and shopping in downtown Portland. We live in a small town. Going to Portland was like going to New York. LOL. Now if we go to Portland at all, it's to go to Portland airport to fly out and visit our friends and family that have moved out of Oregon. Sad huh? Leonard Hays