



Taxpayer Association Blasts Governor's GPS-Mileage Tax on National Fox News

Taxpayer Association Director, Jason Williams, told Fox News Channel that the governor's plan to install GPS devices on all new Oregon cars (so government can tax you by the mile) is the next expensive boondoggle and a gross invasion of our privacy rights. The GPS device records when and where you drive. Oregon transportation officials said they want to record when someone drives so they can tax you more during rush hour. Instead of fixing traffic congestion they want to tax people more for being stuck in it!

Governor budget has \$2 billion in new taxes

Governor Kulongoski's plan includes a two cent gas tax, \$112 million cigarette tax, \$84 million corporate minimum tax increase, vehicle registration fees up 200%, vehicle title fees up 100%, license plate fees up 100%, fishing & hunting license up 24%, park fees up 20%, death certificate fees up 185%, nursing certificate fees up 26% and a new tax on health insurance and hospitals.

Gov. calls raising taxes courageous

During the Governor's State of the State speech he said we should be "finding the political courage to raise revenue". There is no valor in taking other people's money for free and spending it on your pet projects.

1,451 new state government jobs?

The governor's budget increases the state government payroll by 1,451 new employee positions.

1800% Beer Tax Hike

House Bill 2461 increases the tax on beer by more than 1,800% (from \$2.60 to \$49.61 per barrel). This could add \$2 to your six-pack and \$1.25 to a pint.

Democrat Legislature voids Obama tax breaks?

Foreseeing tax breaks in Congress' stimulus bill, the Democrat-led House and Senate quickly voted for HB 2157 which disconnects the state from the federal tax code as a pre-emptive strike to cancel a potential \$94 million in state tax breaks to Oregonians.

Anti-initiative bill

SJR 11, would require that any citizen initiative measure which acquires enough signatures to qualify for a vote, would not be allowed on the ballot until the measure is reviewed by, surprise, the legislature. At the least, that would add two years to the time a people's measure would appear on the ballot.

Beyond delaying a vote, the legislature inevitably would put a competing measure up against any citizen measure they don't like (which is the case with virtually every citizen measure). When the legislature "competes" with the citizens, it has a huge unfair advantage. For example, in 2007, the legislature derailed a citizen-

led "tough on crime" ballot measure by injecting their own competing measure in which they were able to write their own misleading ballot title and their own explanatory statement (citizens are not permitted to write their own, so the government will slant the explanations of the citizen measure they trying to defeat.)

--- SJR 11 co-sponsors are Sen. Frank Morse, & Rep. Larry Galizio, will be appearing on a panel to discuss the measure at the Oregon Executive Club meeting, 6:00pm Wed, March 4, at the Portland Airport Shilo.



Turkey Bills!

- HB 2492 outlaws driving a golf cart over 25mph
- HB 2538 mandates use of headlights when windshield wipers are on
- SB 444 forbids students from forcing other students to perform calisthenics
- SB 34 mandates inspections of school football helmets every year

Government Spending Growth General funds & Lottery 1979-present



