

When they raise taxes or try to steal our kicker here's what they waste it on...

\$300 million for phantom employees

There are thousands of vacant state employee positions where no one is working but the position still receives funding. At one point Oregon had 4,475 vacant positions. That is more than 10% of the entire state workforce. Vacant positions cost the state nearly 300 million in tax dollars. State Representative Gene Whisnant has been working to pass a bill to eliminate vacant positions that remain open so that the funds can be returned.



They destroyed this bridge they just built

Road cost doubles to \$365 million

Corvallis-to-Newberg 10-mile road costs went from \$129 million to \$365 million due to cost over-runs, landslides and other problems. They had to tear down bridge pillars they just built. *KATU-2-TV 5-20-14*

Energy give-a-ways cost \$968 Million

Oregon has doled out \$968 million in energy business taxes to various energy companies, many of which have gone bankrupt or are being investigated for fraud. *Portland Tribune 6-23-15*

State bureaucracy was hiring so many middle men managers that Oregon had to pass a state law setting an official limit



Union victory cost \$375 million

The government unions fought changes in the courts to their state pension plan which will now cost taxpayers \$345 million more a year. Government unions have been resisting any changes to their PERS pension system which is over \$10 billion in debt. *Oregonian 5-30-15*

Unionizing city park employees cost \$2 million

Portland has agreed to unionize 80 seasonal park workers which will cost taxpayers \$2 million more in additional costs. It will cost the city \$25,000 more per employee. *Oregonian 7-17-15*

\$227 million lost on CRC bridge

Taxpayers spent over \$200 million studying the Columbia River Crossing Bridge, from Portland to Vancouver, that was never built and mired in controversy.

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