

Spring 2013 Government Waste Watch Report



1/4 Billion in New Taxes!

Brought to you by anonymous politicians?

The first wave of 1,500 bills in the 2013 Legislature are full of new taxes and regulations (very few budget saving ideas). We estimate the total cost of the politicians' wish list, if passed, would be nearly a quarter billion in higher taxes and fees.

Even worse, many of these tax bills below come with NO bill sponsor. These anonymous "shadow" tax bills have no author. No politician is claiming responsibility for these "shadow" tax bills. Anonymous bills originate from an out-of-session sub-committee and are voted out unanimously as one huge monster package of bills. Of the first release of bills of the 2013 Legislature, about 1 of 4 bills were anonymous "shadow" bills with no sponsor.

Anonymous Bills that raise your taxes!

- Alcohol Taxes (HB 2515)
- Property Taxes (HJR 8, HJR 13, SJR 11, SB 313)
- Internet Tax (HB 2480)
- Carbon Tax (HB 2497)
- Tobacco Taxes (HB 2481, HB 2514)
- Gas Tax (HB 2276)
- Studded Tire Tax (HB 2278)
- Car Mileage Tax (HB 2453)
- Late filing Fee Increase (SB 252)
- Backdoor Business tax Increase? (SB 305, HB 2456, & HB 2491)

Raising taxes without a vote!

One anonymous "shadow" tax bill would automatically raise your taxes when government agencies do not receive they funds they demand. The bill (HB 2503) would automatically raise your taxes by reducing tax deductions by a certain percentage to make up for cuts in state agencies. It is like having a giant tax robot sucking money from taxpayers when government agencies need more cash. Once again, politicians would be spared from making budget saving decisions and would, in effect, outsource public tax votes to anonymous administrators.



Turkey Bills

(HB 2352) Celebrates Dull & Boring Day

(HB 2331) Tax on soda pop

(HB 2427) Bans canola oil farms

(SB 113) Crime to use a plastic bag in a grocery store

(HB 2687) Car headlights on at all times

Removing property cap = \$750 tax bill

If the Legislature kills Oregon's two constitutional property tax caps (Measure 5 & 50) it would increase many homeowner's tax bill by \$750.00 on their home. Depending on the plan, you could see the tax hit immediately or will hit when you sell or buy your home. Oregon's property tax caps are currently protecting homeowners from over \$100 million in taxes that exceed the tax limit. Without that tax limit that \$100 Million rock falls on your head as a homeowner.

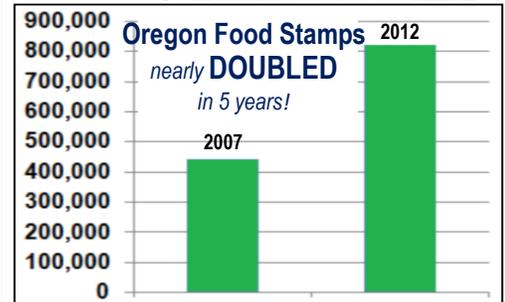
Bill lets politicians raise taxes easier ...with fewer votes!

HJR 14 would eliminate the voter approved super-majority rule for tax increases so politicians could enact more taxes with fewer votes. Surprise! This bill is also another "Shadow" bill with no sponsor or author.

Nanny State Bills

Representative Mitch Greenlick is the king of Nanny State bills. Here are some; HB 2077 requires doctor's permission to purchase tobacco, HB 2277 requires permit to use studded tires, HB 2348 removes local health care decisions by creating 8 regional health care authorities, HJR 2 intends to advance a plan to merge Multnomah, Clackamas & Washington County into one massive "Super Nanny" County as he proposed previously.

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Above: The politicians passed a billion in new taxes over 2007 & 2009. Taking a billion away from job making businesses & families failed to lift people out of poverty and instead pushed people into it.

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