



TAO to fight back against two new tax increases

Just after being elected Gov. Kitzhaber announced to the Oregonian that he plans to take your kicker tax refund. Economists cite a 50% chance of a 2015 kicker tax refund and your refund could be as high as \$300.

The politicians have already spent \$250,000 of your tax dollars on a plan to implement an Oregon Carbon Tax -- something Kitzhaber has been campaigning on and recently said it was "inevitable". A Carbon Tax penalizes people for using electricity, heating their homes and driving their car. One study shows that a Carbon Tax can add 18% to your utility bill.

Tax dollars end up funding Kitzhaber's scandal friends

- Kitzhaber's fiancée, Cylvia Hayes, was caught using the Governor's office for personal gain and using state staffers to assist her private consulting business. One of the Governor's top aides was fired after complaining.

- Kitzhaber ex-campaign manager, Patricia McCaig, was paid \$475,000 in our tax dollars as a consultant to the failed CRC bridge project. Taxpayers paid \$175 million for 84 various consultants for a bridge never built.

Kitzhaber to raise your taxes to fund his ethically challenged friends

- The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) awarded a \$150,000 contract to the wife of a former top aide to Gov. Kitzhaber, Kate Raphael, eight days before any competitive bidding could officially start.

When the award was rejected by state contracting officials because OHA had not followed proper bidding protocol, OHA solicited bids with the lowest bid coming in at \$34,350, but the contract was awarded to the wife of the Governor's aide, even though her bid was almost five times higher.

- Leaked emails show Kitzhaber secretly using political campaign staffers to control government decisions over the \$300 million Cover Oregon scandal in order to produce the best possible result for his campaign chances.

Governor Kitzhaber even provided his campaign staff with confidential legal matters that were not available to the public. Coordinating political campaign staff with government employees is what impeached President Richard Nixon got in trouble for.

- Close Kitzhaber advisor, Bruce Goldberg, was fired as a director of the Cover Oregon scandal only to be secretly re-hired as a \$14,000 a month consultant for the State.

Sources: Oregonian 11-3-14, 5-23-14, 10-21-14, Willamette Week 11-12-14, 2-27-13

Top 10 highest paid state employees

Of Oregon's 25 highest-paid state employees, 6 are financial experts and 18 are medical doctors. Their average annual salary is \$294,000.

The total annual salary for the state's 36,651 employees is more than \$2 billion, which averages to a little less than \$55,000 per employee.

The top ten highest paid state employees are:

1. **\$514,000** Chief Investment Officer, State Treasury
2. **\$368,000** Physician, Oregon Health Authority
3. **\$328,000** Physician, Oregon Health Authority
4. **\$316,000** Physician, Oregon Health Authority
5. **\$316,000** Supervising physician, Health Authority
6. **\$312,000** Supervising physician, Health Authority
7. **\$306,000** Senior investment, State Treasury
8. **\$299,000** Physician, Oregon Health Authority
9. **\$293,000** Senior investment, State Treasury
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Taxpayer Association on TV News opposing sales tax

"A sales tax is the most disrespectful of taxes because Oregonians have rejected it 9 times"

- Jason Williams

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