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### **Democrats unleashing a torrent of taxes on Oregon's working families** *Cost of living will soar as taxes drive up the cost of goods and services*

SALEM, Oregon – Oregon families will soon be drenched by a cloudburst of new taxes pounding down from the Democrat controlled Legislature.

“There is no place to run from a super majority that is intent to stack tax upon tax,” according to Republican Leader Carl Wilson (R-Grants Pass.)

The Democrats have unveiled yet another tax to pile on Oregon's working families. Joining cap and trade, health insurance tax, employer health insurance tax, increased filing fees, a \$108 million raid on the kicker, and increased tobacco taxes, is a new \$2 billion tax on sales floated by Democrat leadership. The Son of Measure 97 is a gross receipts tax that will increase the cost of living for Oregonians, many who already struggle beneath the layers of inequity imposed by years of Democrat rule. Never mind that voters overwhelmingly rejected a government-union backed proposal three years ago, this time Democrats will push it through with a super-majority stamp of approval.

All indications are that House Bill 2019 will be rushed through the process to avoid congestion, and scrutiny, caused by so many tax bills already circling in the landing pattern, led by the massive broken and confused cap and trade bill that will fundamentally change life in the state.

It doesn't end there. While Secretary of State audits have found multiple executive branch agencies consistently mismanaging funds, Governor Kate Brown has proposed raiding nearly half a billion dollars from SAIF, which has efficiently built a \$2 billion surplus that directly benefits workers with low rates. It has been a model program.

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