

- 1. Oregon faces a \$3 billion budget shortfall to fund all state programs at their "current service level" over the next two years. In order to address this shortfall there are a variety of options. Which of the following do you believe should be used to balance the state budget? (mark all that apply)**

<i>answered question</i>	
	Response Percent
Reduce spending evenly across all programs	41.6%
Targeted spending reductions (specify below)	46.7%
Personal income tax increase	7.9%
Gas tax increase	14.9%
Corporate income tax increase	23.8%
Limit total State expenditures for any budget to the 25 year average increase of revenues--all extra revenues in positive years go to the Rainy Day Fund for use to back-fill revenue shortfall during periods of low State revenues	46.7%
Institute 100 year sustainable timber harvest plan and increase utilization of Oregon's natural resources with effective, efficient and environmentally sound management	65.4%

Comments Summary

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	Comment Text	Response Date
1.	During the past 25 years the legislature has created many programs that fall in the category of "feel good" rather than essential. Many, if not all, of these could be eliminated without the general good of our society being harmed. Only	Thu, 3/5/09 1:13 PM

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- the narrow special interest constituency would be concerned. This is an opportunity for the Legislature to have the courage to do what is in the best interest of all the people of the State of Oregon.
2. I have not studied the question sufficiently to make any recommendations. Do you know of any Web sites discussing these issues? Where can I find a concise statement of how our money is being spent at this moment? Thu, 3/5/09 11:10 AM
 3. sales tax replacing income tax Wed, 3/4/09 8:39 AM
 4. It seems that we need to diversify sources of our tax base...sales tax seems to be a possible answer, even though it's viewed so negatively in OR Wed, 3/4/09 7:02 AM
 5. Do not reduce spending n programs that serve vulnerable populations. Reduce spending on things that able people can pay for on thier own - - higher education, parks and recreation, etc. Tue, 3/3/09 9:47 PM
 6. We can not accept a stimulus that will rob our children to fix a market that i believe will fix itself like it has always done. Tue, 3/3/09 6:11 PM
 7. Freeze all state workers salary including the goveror until economy has balanced out. Tue, 3/3/09 1:58 PM
 8. Decrease or cut spending for school teachers and state employees conference travel. I know many that use this time for family vacation and don't spend a penny of their own. Tue, 3/3/09 12:07 AM
 9. Implement shared-parenting laws for children of divorce. The economic and emotional costs to our state from discriminatory custody arrangements are immense. Many 'single-moms' on public assistance do not have to be...the incentives for them to end their marriages are amazing. Thousands of such woman simply don't want to be accountable in a marriage setting...and are awarded significant sums of support as soon as the dads are forced from their homes and children. In summary, end the gross incentives for mothers to end their marriages, take their kids from their fathers, and have the gov't become their 'husbands.' (Of course, those in violent situations need our help...this suggestion does not apply to them.) Mon, 3/2/09 6:16 PM
 10. LOWER TAXES AND CUT SPENDING!!!!!! Find any and all pork in the budget and CUT IT! Only fund the most vital of services. All other services Mon, 3/2/09 5:00 PM

must be substantially cut or eliminated until our economy comes back. CUT TAXES! Let us keep more of our OWN money and watch Oregonians WORK to bring our economy back. LIMIT the size and scope of government. Let Oregonians make more decisions for themselves. NO NEW TAXES!! I am very against the idea of the GPS system to be used against drivers in order to tax them! It is a total invasion of privacy. All these transportation issues need to wait until economy rebounds. I say absolutely NO NO NO to universal health care or raising taxes to provide for any expanded health care entitlements! On increasing spending on job recruitment and economic development plan my only concern is that this can become a catch all for bloated government waste where little in the way of jobs and economic stimulus actually occurs. I like the idea of focusing on jobs and the economy, but I would need to know more about where the money is actually being spent.

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| 11. | PERS | Mon, 3/2/09 3:09 PM |
| 12. | Eliminate property taxes and initiate a balanced, reasonable and sustainable sales tax. | Mon, 3/2/09 2:36 PM |
| 13. | Quit spending on bilingual or any other special interest program. Do not raise corporate taxes because these increases are always passed to the consumer in the form of higher prices besides our neighbors to the South are driving businesses in this direction by so doing and we could benefit from their mistakes. | Mon, 3/2/09 2:17 PM |
| 14. | I don't believe raising taxes in a recession is a good idea, Oregon already has a high personal income tax 4th largest in the nation. When times are hard we all have to cut our budget and spend carefully. I would hope the people we elect would do the same. | Mon, 3/2/09 12:12 PM |
| 15. | I think it is time to consider a small, targeted sales tax that would provide sustainable funding for a limited number of services (health care and education) even during times of high unemployment. | Mon, 3/2/09 11:17 AM |
| 16. | Get rid of the "pork". | Mon, 3/2/09 10:30 AM |
| 17. | Reduce non-essential services | Mon, 3/2/09 10:16 AM |
| 18. | Knowing that we WILL have low revenue years, given the way Oregon's system is set-up, so that any year where unemployment increases, we WILL be short. Give incentives so that any | Mon, 3/2/09 10:01 AM |

agency that has extra funding will be motivated to not be greedy and hoard it, but give it back to areas where there is need! I read somewhere that there is extra in some areas.

- 19.** The legislature needs to get serious prioritizing state services. Leave to the private sector things that should not be the state's priorities. Need to get a much better handle on K-12 expenditures. Across the board cuts are too sloppy. Spending limits are also a joke. Instead, there needs to be a constitutional measure to take money "off the top" to put into savings account. Need to increase timber yields and get rural Oregonians back to work. I wouldn't be opposed to 2-year TEMPORARY tax increases, but only after the state has identified at least an equal amount of cuts. Mon, 3/2/09 10:01 AM
- 20.** Go through state budget line by line and reduce state services that are not mandated. State workers are way-way over compensated in the pension, and benefits area compared to the public. This has got to stop, it is breaking the "bank". It would seem that maybe a zero based budgeting system should be tried and not just start from what was spent last year or bi-ennium. Mon, 3/2/09 9:57 AM
- 21.** Quit funding illegal aliens, demand urine tests for the entitlement class, if they can't pass a drug test, cut them off. Make the entitlement crowd do work searches every week. It should be hard to get freebies from the state. Education funding should be limited to the three R's, the "arts" produce nothing. The government is the single largest employer in the state, that's insane. Mon, 3/2/09 9:52 AM
- 22.** Instate a sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 9:07 AM
- 23.** Some pieces of budget should be protected. Eg children with disabilities, elderly and those needing some support to stay in homes. This is a civil and moral duty. We will pay so much more if we do not do this. Also as much as I want tax from businesses what is a deterrent , what is an incentive. Can we look at data to see what actually brings more money on balance. If we loose employers such as columbia sportswear, what does it cost us? Talk to the consumers of services not the providers let them tell you what is important. Can stimulus money be used to provide more careers and more jobs? Some of the questions on here are affected by the timing, We have many dreams but expansions are tough Mon, 3/2/09 8:57 AM

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- in this economy. My answers eg re health care would be very different in different economic times
- 24.** the state needs to reduce its spending evenly from the very top down. if state workers have to lose paid holidays, everyone should, from top government elected officials down to custodians. Mon, 3/2/09 8:50 AM
- 25.** Discretionary spending reductions not impacting the neediest of citizens. More austere conditions in corrections--ok, reductions in admin costs across the board--ok, school cuts--ok (especially if they can be directed cuts--admin, salary increases, etc), Mon, 3/2/09 8:44 AM
- 26.** No increases in any State budgets ZERO, NO RAISES why should the State be any different the businesses and employees trying to survive during this time? Mon, 3/2/09 8:21 AM
- 27.** First, protect public safety at all cost. Mon, 3/2/09 8:20 AM
- 28.** Shrink the Department of Education, nay close it for a few weeks, not cuts for schools. Mon, 3/2/09 8:10 AM
- 29.** Get rid of all the programs that we the citizens wouldn't vote in or agree to spend our money on given the current economy. There is so much government waste and spending that we aren't even made aware of and whenever a budget crunch comes, the government cuts things that hit us (like schools, parks and police) while leaving the "hidden" costs hidden. Mon, 3/2/09 8:04 AM
- 30.** Targeted spending reductions that do NOT impact education! Mon, 3/2/09 7:59 AM
- 31.** The legislature must identify its core responsibility to the citizens of Oregon. It must fund safety, education, and the infrastructure first and fully before funding anything else. Yes, people are going to be hurt in doing this but: There are limits to resources plain and simple and to try and fund everyone dilutes the core to ineffectiveness. Mon, 3/2/09 6:43 AM
- 32.** Two Items: First add a \$0.5 tax on all candy, gum, lifesavers etc. This could be used to fund the health plan, food stamps etc. But also fight the growing obesity problem in Oregon. Second, reduce state income tax and charge a sales tax, this would help immensely. Mon, 3/2/09 5:59 AM
- 33.** Target spending to essentials and have a responsible budget-- We need school funding, public safety, and human services. Get back to Sun, 3/1/09 7:20 PM

- the basics until the funds are available. We need to reduce staffing by the expected loss percentage. We do not need the State to buy forest land. We do not need State officials traveling overseas. We do not need the State to pursue Cultural Services.
- 34.** Priority1-public safety. Priority 2-Infrastructure. Priority 3- education. Put state monies into investments, not expenses. Education makes better paid workers who make more money, which is taxed. It also makes for healthier citizens (more education = better health) which is less drain on the health care system. Lower business taxes leads to more business coming to Oregon. Sun, 3/1/09 6:52 PM
- 35.** Reduce the budgets for non-critical programs- new parks but not services to our elderly or disabled Sun, 3/1/09 6:32 PM
- 36.** We need to stop giving welfare to illegal citizens. Really utilize the ID requirements for a driver's license and apply them to them to all of the welfare programs. There is volunteer free clinics to help with healthcare, and utilize community organizers to help feed them i.e. churches and businesses - give tax incentives to promote these activities. Sun, 3/1/09 3:12 PM
- 37.** Even with federal stimulus dollars and use of rainy day funds, a significant budget shortfall will remain. Few legislators will support the budget cuts required to balance the budget. A combination of targeted budget reductions within education, public safety and human services, and permanent or temporary tax increases would be reasonable approach. Sun, 3/1/09 2:19 PM
- 38.** ODOT has a massive budget and huge overhead.....eliminate ODOT and use contractors for projects that are critical statewide.....Use a national system for verification of citizenship and only US citizens can receive state aid of any kind..... Sun, 3/1/09 11:21 AM
- 39.** I have work in the "health field" for many years and people are not happy with our "now" governor. Our older people don't need to be "kick" in the teeth. They have work for many years and paid in the system just like anyone else and paid the price- I have seen them loose their own homes to get help in their home for meical and care givers- also loose their home to taxes and there's is alot of the that served for our Sun, 3/1/09 11:19 AM

country, "WE all are being taxed to death" To put the elderly in the rest home for cutting back on getting help in their homes - NO, NO!! thats wrong even to loose their homes due to taxes is wrong this is heart breaking - why is it the government always want to hit the already hurting people - When I seen that our new president are taxes the richer people - it's like yessssssssss!!!!!! it's about time - leave the little people alone - give them a boost- And no I didn't vote for that guy - Dennis please, please help the little people the elderly , disable, and the people that are trying and I mean really trying to make it. And by the way - many people look down on the homeless not knowing what they have gone threw - in one year I went threw 5 jobs some of it wasn't my fault and some was but during this time I did go threw some depression and if it wasn't for God in my life and friends I don't know if I would of made it- but now things are better I do have a good job and like it and this job does further people education- And your probably wondering whats this got to do with your survey - You see, we don't need the cut in the health care either or meds - if you down the line -how many people are on drugs to keep them stable " and by the way I'm not one of them" Just to let you know and freind of mine husband was just lately got ou of 2 north - and guess what the hospital gave them a voucher for a 1 months supply for 1 type of med which cost 500.00 dollars - can you belive that and they can't afford that- whats going to happen to people if there's a cut back on the meds - I'll tell you, our hospitals are going to be over whelm our police and familys have to deal with behavior problems- Who ever is our Governor advisor needs his head look at- and alot of people are upset with him - Our government needs to serious watch how they cut back and "what they cut back on specially" AND WE DON'T NEED IT IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.

40. Stop senseless waste of taxpayer money on things like upscale office redo's for politicians. Ridiculous when we have HOMELESS families without ANYTHING. When someones constituents go hungry, how can they in good conscience spend money on such fivolities? And when people who work as much as they can, as hard as they can still can't buy their medication

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and consequently get sick and can't work, isn't there a problem? I am at a loss as to what to do.....

- 41.** education, public safety (police, jails, judicial, etc), care for the elderly and disabled are area which are NOT to be reduced !! Otherwise, a thorough check of programs needs to be made, and those activities which are not of primary need will be eliminated or cut. The State needs to reduce it employment in addition to its expense. Across the country this is being done in private businesses!! Our State city and local governments need to follow step. If we can't pay for it, we can't afford it. Yes, I know the decisions to cut are never easy, but they are necessary for survival. continue to believe the leadership is "chicken" to make the decisions they know are best. The continual action to cut basic services in hopes we open our pocket books no longer is heard. Do the tough and right thing. But,... Keep Oregon strong!! Sun, 3/1/09 10:02 AM
- 42.** Institute a Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) Title & Licensing policy for all vehicles. Not only does it increase State funds for roads, it could be set up to include funding for State Police. It would also benefit those who drive smaller vehicles and cost those who drive larger vehicles more which seems very appropriate as the larger vehicles create more wear and tear on the highways. Sun, 3/1/09 9:47 AM
- 43.** Freeze all \$100,000.00 per year management level wages for a period of 5 years. Reduce all corporate income taxes 75% of current levels. Make Oregon a corporate friendly location to build and produce. Sun, 3/1/09 9:12 AM
- 44.** We have a natural resource based economy in this state and to continue to suppress natural resource based activities with things like the endangered species act will break this state. Natural resources provide the only "new" wealth according to my economics professor so why don't we as a government do everything in our power to make that sector strong and not place more importance on a fish or a sage grouse. As a fifth generation cattle rancher, I have to live in reality, therefore this "recession" has, in a sense, brought the house of cards down for everyone else and they now have to live at the level I have been forced to be at all along. Sun, 3/1/09 8:31 AM
- 45.** Do Not use our trees to make money. There are Sun, 3/1/09 1:57 AM

other kinds of wealth and our natural resources are for the future and our clean air and water now. Tax cigarettes, alcohol and other extras. Tax a third vehicle per family. Tax entertainment centers, and other things people do not need but want. Reduce salaries of upper level public bureaucrats. Tax medical marijuana. Tax imported goods that could be bought in state. Promote tourism. Oregon is beautiful, let us keep it that way.

- 46. No spending for the fluffy Cultural Trust Fund! Sat, 2/28/09 10:39 PM
- 47. Institute the long-overdue sales tax. Do not tax unprepared food. We need a sales tax now! Sat, 2/28/09 8:33 PM
- 48. Not understanding where the legislature spends, I believe priorities need to return to the basics and stop this, good example is last legislature massive increase in spending (foolishness.) Priorities Education, safety, etc. Stop State supporting illegal immigrants, too. Sat, 2/28/09 6:51 PM
- 49. please re-structure funding for schools to a more stable income! Sat, 2/28/09 6:48 PM
- 50. Cut Administration expenses for schools and colleges. Sat, 2/28/09 5:55 PM
- 51. Get a Fed. Bailout, everyone else is! Sat, 2/28/09 5:13 PM
- 52. I believe it is time to simply cut the non essentials out. Create a "Triage" list perhaps in five or so categories with eclectic art projects being a five. Sat, 2/28/09 4:42 PM
- 53. What ever happened to welfare reform where people were on welfare for a limited time, required job training and a time frame of three years to find employment and be self-supporting? Anyone in this country and state illegally should NOT receive social benefits paid by Oregon taxpayers. The carrot should be taken away so they will self-deport. This is happening in states that have taken this step. With the unemployment the highest in the nation, any jobs should be prioritized for U.S. citizens. Why would you raise taxes on an already hurting citizenry and business? Does that make sense. Look logically at programs that are not essential nor productive to the economy and cut them. Quit running this state according to lobbyists and unions and listen to economic common sense. Sat, 2/28/09 3:43 PM
- 54. I don't believe in cutting across the board. We need to fund the programs that are vital to the well being of the state. There must be programs Sat, 2/28/09 2:10 PM

- that are largely feel good programs that are nice to have when you can afford them. This is not one of those times. If the program is not vital, it gets cut to the bone or gone.
- 55.** Give tax incentives to practicing physicians to accept up to a percentage of needy patients, incentive to write off on income tax and help carry the need and cost for low income patients. Idea, how much could we save is we lightened the burden in this manner, utilized other cost saving strategies such as traveling volunteer nurses and doctors, traveling clinics, use existing infrastructures and systems to realign medical expense. Sat, 2/28/09 2:05 PM
- 56.** cut unnecessary items(programs), trim the fat, get by without. Use timber we have and replant. Forests are a renewable resource. Don't let the environmentists have a stangle hold on timber. Get the mills running again. Sat, 2/28/09 1:40 PM
- 57.** Determine which services the state REALLY needs to provide, reduce all the rest or eliminate. Sat, 2/28/09 1:30 PM
- 58.** Keep police, fire and reduce everything else. Sat, 2/28/09 12:21 PM
- 59.** Budget items must be prioritized with education and public safety expenditures having the highest priority. We will not have an opportunity to go back and educate this generation of children. They are vital to our future. And the danger of weakening our public safety system (even further) puts every Oregonian in danger. The cuts will be many and painful but let us think of the future while making theses terrible decisions. Sat, 2/28/09 12:14 PM
- 60.** Look for tax loopholes to close, too. Sat, 2/28/09 11:52 AM
- 61.** Harvesting Oregon timber is the soundest fiscal policy there is, taxing is the worst! We should fight for offshore drilling, this pie-in-the-shy green energy to combat man made global warming is an evil hoax! Just follow the money and power of the green worshipers, it's the new religion! We non Kool-Aid drinking people are watching! Sat, 2/28/09 11:50 AM
- 62.** That is a major part of what the Legislature is elected to manage. Difficult as it may be, individual taxpayers most likely don't have enough information to make good decisions. Sat, 2/28/09 11:42 AM
- 63.** Create a special fund for State Police and other law enforcement officials that will NOT be "pilfered" by special interests. Too many times, our safety is used as a political tool in an attempt Sat, 2/28/09 11:21 AM

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- to increase taxes (which government can't seem to get enough of).
- 64.** By evenly across all programs, I also include salaries of ALL state employees. Sat, 2/28/09 11:20 AM
- 65.** Stop providing non emergency health care to Illegal Aliens. Support SB390 Sat, 2/28/09 10:15 AM
- 66.** The private sector is doing what they have to to cut costs. A lot of that is through employee cuts. It does not seem like the State is doing the same. Everyone keeps their jobs and current salary. I am sure there is a lot of fat there. I also believe there are a lot of old programs that were added during boom economies that were nice but are not necessary. Has in our own households we cut back on all unnecessary expenditures to weather the rough times. That means we fund ONLY the necessities. Sat, 2/28/09 10:07 AM
- 67.** National Guard was never supposed to fight wars. We must maintain a regular army. Sat, 2/28/09 9:50 AM
- 68.** Gas tax increase specifically for roads and bridges; ODOT budget reduction from general funds equal to gas tax increase. Sat, 2/28/09 9:46 AM
- 69.** reduce or eliminate inefficient, redundant or unnecessary programs including support of illegal aliens - including ESL and special needs school programs that dilute the quality of education for all. Restructure programs like welfare so provide incentives to get off the public dole. Outsource public works projects that can be completed cheaper through private contract (ODOT) - and eliminate the Davis / Bacon law that compels government contracts be performed only by union labor! Fund our most necessary programs first 1. education (set up a school voucher system to make public schools accountable in costs and quality of education - like charter and private schools. Reward teachers on performance not seniority) 2. public safety. Restructure government benefits programs - especially PERS so it is in alignment with private pension fund programs. Quit adding government programs and employees - the rest of us are making due with less - so should government. Pass a constitutional amendment that calls for a balanced budget. Sat, 2/28/09 9:42 AM
- 70.** Reduce waste in all depts - implement reward system for staying under budget instead of 'use it or lose it'. Lower income tax to 6%-institute sales Sat, 2/28/09 8:54 AM

tax of 3%. Those with more \$ will pay more. Be cost effective and price compare before purchases. There is waste from the top to the bottom. Public employees should pay for their own family health coverage. Too many Oregonian have no job, no health insurance for themselves or family, or employer health for themselves only. It is a slap in the face. Tax C corporations only. S Corps and Partnership income is taxed on personal income tax return. Return 'working family credit' to a non-refundable credit. Stop giving away more than state receives. This would also save dollars spent on auditing these returns. No disability for self induced disabilities such as drugs and alcohol. Too many more things that can be fixed to put in this space. Good luck!

- 71.** There are programs to care for those truly unable to care for themselves that require a greater duty on our part to meet their needs. There are programs that are required by Constitution and laws but beyond those substantial cuts need to be made. Your previous missives have identified these priorities very well. As far as timber is concerned, if we were to harvest only those trees in Oregon that are infected with disease we would harvest enough timber to meet many of our financial needs, put Oregonians back to work, and have much healthier forests throughout the state. Sat, 2/28/09 8:54 AM
- 72.** Abolish "all" current taxes and fees and replace with a flat sales tax on all goods sold in the state. The more people have, the more they spend, the more they spend the more the coffers fill up. Poor people have less money, thus they spend less and pay only their proportional share, Rich people have more money and thus spend more providing large amounts of funds for the treasury; yet still only paying a set percentage. Sat, 2/28/09 8:42 AM
- 73.** Limit welfare, educational, and health care to legal aliens and citizens. Sat, 2/28/09 8:32 AM
- 74.** less for schools that encourage Hispanics less health care for children no money for illegal aliens stop employers from hiring illegal aliens Sat, 2/28/09 8:15 AM
- 75.** Get Rid Of The ILLEGALS! They are the big part of taking us down. Welfare, crime, drugs, pay no taxes, taking jobs from our people, Little anchor bastards, Medical, I know one State employee that lost job because couldn't speak spanish. Sat, 2/28/09 8:09 AM

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- Replaced by a man with no experience but could speak spanish! Bull shit!
- 76.** Remove programs that are not specifically the states responsibility. Cut the waste in state sponsored programs. Sat, 2/28/09 7:26 AM
- 77.** Keep schools open 5 days a week but ask teachers to accept a salary and benefit reduction to do so. I see retired teachers living large, imported cars, new homes etc. This is too much for their occupation. Sat, 2/28/09 6:35 AM
- 78.** Bring PERS retirement packages in line with the private sector. Sat, 2/28/09 1:05 AM
- 79.** Consumption tax Sat, 2/28/09 1:00 AM
- 80.** One of our main problems is Illegal immigration. Schools are overcrowded, medical costs, housing, and food stamps. We need to take care of business by enforcing our laws and stop Oregon from being a sanctuary city. Sat, 2/28/09 12:49 AM
- 81.** All govt workers, such as the PERS employees who have nearly if not helped to bankrupt the State of Oregon should be forced to have their pensions frozen and they should not be allowed to receive the PERS pension and go back to work and receive additional money while the the rest of the citizens of Oregonians go broke and we must pay to keep them accustomed to the lifestyle to which they have become accustomed. Sat, 2/28/09 12:36 AM
- 82.** HHS--welfare, administration, state dept education, all need targeted cuts. Fri, 2/27/09 10:12 PM
- 83.** Priorities are: Fire and police, city utilities, education. State, county, and city offices can operate on reduced staffing, reduced days of operation for non-essential services to include permits, inspections, and logistical supplies. Fri, 2/27/09 10:07 PM
- 84.** Combine ro eleiminate state boards & commissions. Allow the financially well endowed non profit health charties & foundations to fund anti anything they are against, alcoho, drugs, tobacco and now food. No amount of tax revenue will stop human nature, especially if what they choose to partake of is not illegal. It hasn't stopped illegal drug use and it is a waste of limited tax dollars in these tough economic times. Those who wish to stop or change human nature should be free to do so, but on thier own dime, not funding that could and should go to schools, seniors citizens, public safety and real health Fri, 2/27/09 9:57 PM

- care, not health nagging.
- 85.** These agencies are of limited use - eliminate them completely OLCC; DEQ; ANY ARTS FUNDING; ODOT is overstaffed - they contract out most of their work anyway Put tighter controls on the Oregon Health Plan - institute higher drug copays for prescriptions and make sure families are not "hiding income" to qualify. Once an ax is put to these programs, then institute an across the board cut Fri, 2/27/09 9:34 PM
 - 86.** Thank you for finally putting the kicker up for debate! It is fiscally irresponsible to not have a fund for the inevitable rainy day. We need you legislators to not worry about the next election and to start speaking the truth. Government does have a place, we are fools to try to gut the system instead of fixing it. So thank you for giving us the option of a rainy day fund. I do not know of any excess in the Oregon budget, but if you find any, target that. Please leave education, mental health and health care in general whole. When we have tent cities starting to form in our communities, we do not need essential services cut more than they already have been. Fri, 2/27/09 9:22 PM
 - 87.** Reduce spending FIRST: Freeze hiring. Reduce salaries and benefits of state employees. Cut wasteful spending. Reduce spending LAST: State Police. Human Services. Fri, 2/27/09 9:03 PM
 - 88.** investigate the regulation and taxation of cannabis and hemp, the state's largest cash crop, which is completely outside of the state system at this time. Fri, 2/27/09 8:59 PM
 - 89.** The problem with targeted spending reductions is the politics of it. Everybody must cut back. Fri, 2/27/09 8:36 PM
 - 90.** We have TOO much government. Reduce Government at all levels. Fri, 2/27/09 8:28 PM
 - 91.** #1 Cut any and all expenditures that support Illegal Aliens. #2 Cut all funding of any programs involved with GPS tracking of private vehicles for any purposes. #3 Contract with a private accounting firm to audit all State agency expenditures. Fri, 2/27/09 8:22 PM
 - 92.** Require proof of citizenship for all welfare recipients. No farmworker housing subsidized by taxpayers. Withhold extra or the over-generous funding for bilingual education. Fri, 2/27/09 8:21 PM
 - 93.** Make the income tax progressive, not regressive Fri, 2/27/09 8:06 PM

as it is now. Definitely increase corporate taxes, with emphasis on larger corporations pay more tax.

- 94.** I don't believe there is any one answer. Control the gas prices--it seems like that was the catalyst to this recession. Prioritize based on the most critical needs of the citizens of Oregon and then target the least important areas, then reduce spending evenly across the high priority areas. Eliminate waste in the government. Give up the perks!!! I will be taking a paycut or freeze this year I am sure. Will you and the other members of government? Utilize Oregon's resources. Why isn't wind power along our coastline utilized? And I think it is unfair to target a group of individuals like teachers to work for free. Teachers spend many hours a week working for free. What other occupation has employees that work for free as much as teachers do already. They also spend much of their wages on items for their classrooms and students. If you want teachers to step up and work for free, then I expect all public employees to be asked to step up and work for free and those that make more money should volunteer more days. Teachers are not wealthy people. Why are they being targeted? Fri, 2/27/09 7:56 PM
- 95.** live within your means. Look back to do your budget not anticipate revenues!!! If it isn't in the bank you do not have it!!!! Fri, 2/27/09 7:46 PM
- 96.** How can our little state be a billion dollars in debt.....this is really time to take a close look at things we cant afford. Fri, 2/27/09 7:35 PM
- 97.** Police, fire, and other emergency expenditures including 'Teachers should be frozen at current levels until better economic times. All other government spending should be reduced to at least 2005 levels. Reductions should start at the top, at the governor's office and work its way down. All new construction of government buildings should be stopped. It is time to make due with what we have. All remodels should be halted except for those with safety issues. Lottery revenue should be revamped to help fund only the school system grades k to 12 and police and other emergency services. No government office employee should work over 32 hrs a week even if this means shorter hrs or days the office is open. General labor such as park landscape and other menial labor should be done by jail inmates or Fri, 2/27/09 7:34 PM

those under house arrest. As for Coliege, state support will return to 2005 levels and no futher support for indiuval students. there are plenty of federal loans and grants available and also schollerships and grants from the private sector and alumni. As for new housing, no new housing developments would be considered unless the tax revenue would support the additional police fire street lighting and road repair required at taxpayers expense. (in other words lets not add to the problem) I am sure if I were more informed on government spending I could find more. Times are tough, and the government should lead the way. There are jobs out there, maby not at pay one would like, but maby its time we stoped living beyound our means, no one needs a new car or house, there are plenty of used ones for sale. It is time for everone to bite the bullet and focus on only what we need and not what we cant afford.

- 98.** Tax Oregon merchants on their sells of foreign made goods. Fri, 2/27/09 7:18 PM
- 99.** (1) Prohibit all programs from providing funds or services to people without PROOF of citizenship in USA. (2) Dramatic cuts in ODOT employees (3)shift PERS to 401K. Fri, 2/27/09 7:15 PM
- 100.** Sales tax. Remove the obligation of the state to provide busing. Instead of reimbursing, put busing funds into the general fund, and let the school districts choose how to allocate their dollars. The gas tax should be based on the number of cylinders per vehicle: those who burn the most gasoline and have more cylinders pay more. Tax studded tires to pay for road repair. Fri, 2/27/09 7:14 PM
- 101.** ILLEGAL Aliens work for less and yet via many Children get a Tax refund on taxes they didn't even pay. STOP Jobs for Illegal's, make every Employer - public & private, use the E-Verify system, our Unemployment rate would be CUT IN HALF in months IF this was required. Also the ESL programs here cost us over \$210 Million/yr. with an 80% Failure rate in violation of NCLB, Rep. Jim Weidner-Mcminnville, has a Bill with a simple solution, contact him. Illegal aliens in our Prison's at \$74/day X 1,100 of them are a burden, a Rapid Repat Bill, which has 8 co-sponsors, is available for passage, Rep. Weidner has this also as well as Rep. Thatcher. Rep. Sal Fri, 2/27/09 7:13 PM

Esquivel has similar Bills also. Also our Community Colleges are admitting Illegal's, at in-state rates and with grants and other taxpayer provided "Free" rides. The 1984 U.S. Supreme Court dec. Plyer vs. Dough only involved grades K-12 Illegals going to our Schools, NOT College or Head Start. These simple LAW respecting solutions would solve our problems to the tune of Hundreds of Millions a year in wasted Tax outlays going away.

- 102. Legalize casino gambling Fri, 2/27/09 7:10 PM
- 103. Anything not directly relating to education and public safety would be targeted Fri, 2/27/09 7:08 PM
- 104. Not sure what the last item means. If it means harvesting some of Oregon's state-owned timber, then I would like to check the box. If it means more regulations and nonsense to save butterflies and spotted owls, I would NOT be in favor. Should institute across the board cuts in all the retirement programs, police, firemen, teachers, etc. Fri, 2/27/09 6:54 PM
- 105. Unnecessary programs in state government, the OLC selling liquor, any department not needed for basic life services. Fri, 2/27/09 6:32 PM
- 106. REPEAL RIDICULOUS RAISES GIVEN TO ALL STATE EMPLOYEES BY GOVERNOR. Fri, 2/27/09 6:19 PM
- 107. Repeal the \$385+ million wage increase to state employees - bring them back to the prior rate - allow them to recoup wages if an when our economy can support them, and only then. Fri, 2/27/09 6:18 PM
- 108. Cut any program that we would not start today if it wasn't already in existence. Fri, 2/27/09 6:11 PM
- 109. With regard to targeted spending reductions I would hope that the majority of our legislators, in their wisdom, are more qualified to make those decisions than the average tax-payer. Fri, 2/27/09 6:08 PM
- 110. 1. Examine the cost/benefit ration to initiate task force to analyze and eliminate waste in all spending. If the cost shows that for every dollar spent more than a dollar fifty is saved, then implement. 2. Prioritize spending to focus on supporting those who cannot help themselves. 3. Establish incentives for good money management across the board. 4. Reward agencies that reduce their budget without compromising quality of service. Fri, 2/27/09 6:07 PM
- 111. Offer bonuses to dept. personnel that can offer Fri, 2/27/09 6:04 PM

- realistic ways to streamline work, and workers, and work more efficiently, and can be documented to save time and money.
- 112.** The kicker funds should not be returned to individuals and corporations, but used to help fund services. Individual income taxes should be raised on those earning above \$200,000 --or in line with new Federal increases. Corporate rates should be increased along with modest increases on beer, wine, & cigarette taxes to help share responsibility. We also support increased gas taxes to help fund highway maintenance and a move to more economical (and cleaner) vehicles. Fri, 2/27/09 5:55 PM
- 113.** 1. Absolutely do not increase business taxes. This is an expensive state in which to run any business to make it even more expensive is asking for more companies to leave. 2. Unfortunately, targeting specific programs under the current progressive/liberal Oregon government is asking them to reduce the programs I support and increase programs for the illegal aliens and people who chose not to pursue a good education (yes, I generalize but you get the point). Fri, 2/27/09 5:53 PM
- 114.** A 7% increase in the state budget is not a cut! Why should individuals and businesses have to live on less while government has spending increases greater than us or the rate of inflation? Lets stop paying the 50% of construction costs for wind generators and ethanol plants, I object to Oregonians paying 2 cents for every KWH of electricity generated by wind, Especially electricity shipped to California! Why are we paying 50% of the costs for those generators where all of the power is going to California? Let them pay for them and any new transmission lines they need. Stop all alterante fuel subsidies, let them compete. Fri, 2/27/09 5:52 PM
- 115.** Education and law enforcement should not be hit as hard Welfare should be managed better and not given to everyone who doesn't want to work Then spread the other cuts evenly across the board Fri, 2/27/09 5:51 PM
- 116.** Lure corporations from California--they are leaving anyway but for Arizona and Nevada. Fri, 2/27/09 5:45 PM
- 117.** Our Legislature spends too much time and money in Salem. We need to cut starting with the Legislature. We also have too many state Fri, 2/27/09 5:44 PM

- organizations. The State should cut back DEQ, DLCDC, to a minimum, and lessen the requirements in Eastern Oregon to start with. The State should focus on Public Safety and put the emphasis on State Troopers and not administrative positions - currently have Lt., Sgt's. making huge salaries, sitting behind a desk and they have NO CLUE what is going on in the real world. Cut back to a minimum all Administrative unnecessary positions and let the people who know how to work, do the job.
- 118.** Agree on a dedicated funding source for the OSP patrol division to create and keep 24/7 statewide coverage for Oregonians (those people who pay the bills). Fri, 2/27/09 5:29 PM
- 119.** Reduce the number of state employees, hold-off filling non-essential positions at the state level, increase the deductible on all state health plans for employees and extend the years of all state vehicles before renewing/ purchasing additional vehicles. Fri, 2/27/09 5:26 PM
- 120.** Personal income tax increase on the highest 10%. Remove social security payments to those with income over \$200,000. Fri, 2/27/09 5:07 PM
- 121.** 1. Eliminate capital gains tax. 2. Abolish inheritance tax. 3. Abolish welfare, which only has the effect of turning productive citizens into sloth. 4. Designate a percentage of all revenues to be used for the Rainy Day Fund. Fri, 2/27/09 5:04 PM
- 122.** I find it ridiculous that we spend so much on education and get so little out of it. How is it that charter schools are able to do a much better job for considerably less money per student? That is a giant problem that needs fixin. Also, there is no need for the OLCC as it exists today. It should be done away with. Why is it that alcohol must be sent into Portland to the OLCC warehouse before it can be distributed throughout Oregon? It is a very antiquated and flawed idea and a giant waste of the taxpayers money. I understand there is a need for a state agency to deal with alcohol, but the OLCC as it is today is not it. Fri, 2/27/09 5:00 PM
- 123.** Start cutting programs. The first program that is bloated and needs reduced to previous levels prior to last year is the State Police. Cut the State Police. Fri, 2/27/09 4:59 PM
- 124.** The people of Oregon are tired of being taxed for everything politicians feel we need, even though Fri, 2/27/09 4:55 PM

they never ask us if we really need it. It should be obvious that everyone is tired of "more taxes" when they voted against funds for law enforcement and schools. We weren't given a choice of which programs or departments to cut, so law enforcement was the final straw in many counties along with libraries and educational funding. Enough is enough! Given a choice of what to cut, I am sure it wouldn't be any of the necessary services, but we are not allowed to make that choice because you'all are so much smarter than us.. May I suggest the way to cut spending is to look at the government agencies in chronological order, beginning in 1859 to the present. Granted there are some that are no longer needed, but the primary agencies such as law enforcement, transportation, and schools are the charter agencies, These should be the last to receive a cut in revenue. Social services should be the first. When money is short at home, charity is the first thing we cut. Start with the newest agency and eliminate it, and continue until the tax base supports the necessary government. I am sure we have more than an adequate amount of funds to support these services. Hell, you could probably reduce taxes, imagine that! This all probably sounds ludicrous and out of touch, but this is exactly how every citizen has to deal with a shortage of funds. We cut out the unnecessary until we balance the budget! How about that? What a novel idea, balance the budget before we spend all of the money in the bank!

- 125.** Government Employment should not be a career. Fri, 2/27/09 4:54 PM
Equal Opportunity must take precedence. Limit service to 5 - 6 years. If you can't fill a position the previous person can kept on contract, but not employed by the state. This will be another check and balance or an automatic audit against waste, and inefficiency. When you have to pay for it when you leave you will be a better worker. We do not need a bureaucratic elite.
- 126.** Get rid of personal income tax, limit property tax and replace with a sales tax. Fri, 2/27/09 4:52 PM
- 127.** I believe Government, either state or federal, should spend within their means, just like a family. Borrowing or looking to increase income by increasing taxes is not what this country was found on. Keep it up and you will have a taxpayer Fri, 2/27/09 4:45 PM

- revolution just as they did in Boston harbor. Only this time they won't disguise themselves as indians. They won't have to. You will all know them because they will be your and my neighbors.
- 128.** Eliminate community college programs that do not directly increase job opportunities or contribute to college credits for a diploma. Provide vouchers for private school attendance at 50-75% of per pupil costs in state schools (or whatever level reflects break even or better for public budget); eliminate government programs that cannot demonstrate a positive cost-benefit ratio. Fri, 2/27/09 4:42 PM
- 129.** Audit all existing public programs for efficiency and effectiveness. Start with schools. They are not doing their job of teaching all kids to read, write and do math. Tie accreditation to results. Fri, 2/27/09 4:38 PM
- 130.** Use the rainy day funds. Fri, 2/27/09 4:32 PM
- 131.** 2 years ago K-12 got a 20% increase in spending. Let's return to reality and rescind that large increase and build from that adjusted budget. Give parents the right to pay more to get a better public education for their kids. Fri, 2/27/09 4:31 PM
- 132.** I'm a school supporter so I do not want to see schools' budgets cut. At this time Corporations do not pay their fair share. Fri, 2/27/09 4:31 PM
- 133.** Institute sales tax, while retaining the income tax kicker, to ensure balance in revenue, while keeping spending under control. Fri, 2/27/09 4:24 PM
- 134.** Reduce or eliminate spending on all non-necessary items, such as the arts, bike paths, etc. Eliminate all government employee raises and increases in benefits for the next two years. Don't fill any government job openings, unless absolutely essential. Cut DHS funding in half, since that Communistic, uncontrolled Agency is causing more problems than it is solving. Reduce the budgets for ALL state agencies by 10% (there's easily that much fat in all of them). Fri, 2/27/09 4:20 PM
- 135.** Sales Tax Fri, 2/27/09 4:20 PM
- 136.** just like we have to do with our home budget, eliminate programs that are pork, non essential, and put money where it belongs in EDUCATION. Downsize government to only essential depts. We don't need government to take our freedom of thought and actions away! With the Feds raising Fri, 2/27/09 4:20 PM

- our taxes, we don't need states doing the same. We who work are tired of supporting those who don't!
- 137.** Corporate income tax increase might not be necessary if the loopholes that allow them (but not private citizens) to avoid taxes they otherwise would pay were eliminated. It would increase the dollar amount of tax they pay but not the percentage. Fri, 2/27/09 4:20 PM
- 138.** The state could save money by removing state support for those in this country illegally. Many on arriving run straight to the welfare department. Fri, 2/27/09 4:15 PM
- 139.** New programs go first Fri, 2/27/09 4:13 PM
- 140.** Add a sales tax in Oregon -- exempt food, medicine and health support expenses. Fri, 2/27/09 4:12 PM
- 141.** Tax reductions for small business. They are the ones to create jobs not government. Government to big. Good example the Feds, Bad News!!!! Fri, 2/27/09 4:11 PM
- 142.** SALES TAX- as a working person I am tire of carrying the burden of the state. Fri, 2/27/09 4:08 PM
- 143.** Tax on junk food. It would help the health problem of obesity. Fri, 2/27/09 4:08 PM
- 144.** When businesses are leaving Oregon and unemployment is increasing maybe the idiots in the ledgislature should figure out how they could cut costs and improve the circumstances for organizations or businesses who employ people. Fri, 2/27/09 4:04 PM
- 145.** Across the board cuts do not take into consieration programs that leverage funding from other sources. For example, in the past biennium, the Commission system brought an additional \$40 million to local communities across Oregon. This is a 2-to-1 return on the dollars invested in the local and state commission infrastructure. I know there are other examples. Also, I believe funds from the federal stimulus package must be spent wherever possible to mitigate the cuts we must make to balance our state budget. Fri, 2/27/09 4:03 PM
- 146.** Stop the social/welfare without getting work in return. Fri, 2/27/09 4:02 PM
- 147.** Use techniques that business uses: first off, each operational bureau should make a blanket decrease, cutting the least productive employees and programs. The next full budgets should be "zero-based" -- with a cost and benefit analysis of Fri, 2/27/09 4:01 PM

- each line item. Contrary to what's being proposed, any economist will tell you that raising taxes in the midst of a recession invites a DEEPER recession. Each time this is proposed, the stock markets decline and unemployment increases.
- 148.** Stop all funding of programs for illegal immigrants. 100 year timber harvest plan need to exclude any harvests that would harm fish runs. Fri, 2/27/09 4:01 PM
- 149.** We need to look for waste in the government. Use private sector advisors to help weed out programs and policies that cost the most and do the least. Fri, 2/27/09 3:59 PM
- 150.** Raise personal income tax on a par with proposed federal legislation, that is, increase the tax for married couples filing jointly with income exceeding \$250,000. Re timber harvest plan, insure that NO old growth logging is included in the plan. Additional comment: The current budget reduction plan which cuts funds from higher education and allocates none of the incoming federal funds to higher education is very short-sighted and will, in the long term, harm the economy of the state. Fri, 2/27/09 3:56 PM
- 151.** reduce government intervention at all levels... specifically, the state of oregon is not and should not aspire to become a health insurer or administrator.... they are not qualified as demonstrated by the most recent bond debacle Fri, 2/27/09 3:54 PM
- 152.** DO NOT use this budget crisis as an excuse to deplete Oregon's natural resources; the last choice of the above is unacceptable. Fri, 2/27/09 3:53 PM
- 153.** I think it's reasonable to raise gas taxes. This tax has not been raised in many years, I would even be in favor a yearly gas tax increase tied to inflation, however don't ever think about taxing me by the mile, myself and most other Oregonians will not stand for that Fri, 2/27/09 3:51 PM
- 154.** Cut staff in all non-safety related state departments (everything except for the state police, prosecutions, and corrections, really), and cut administrative personnell across the board. Particularly cut personnel and spending in the areas of land use regulation, education administration, all arts and cultural activities, and non-safety related environmental enforcement activities. Maintain funding as much as possible for unemployment and worker's compensation Fri, 2/27/09 3:50 PM

activities. Disband the racial affairs commissions (black, asian, hispanic, etc), and any nonessential agencies such as the Oregon Film and Video Office and the Health Policy & Research, and the Tourism Commission. Prioritize and only fund essentials first. Any attempt to hold public safety hostage over the budget is not only coercive and seen as such, but counterproductive. When the legislature threatens the State Police, you know there is something useless that they're holding onto behind the scenes.

155. Focus on the Dept. of Human Services. Waste, fraud and inefficiency exist here on a monumental scale. Fri, 2/27/09 3:49 PM

156. Hard to say what targeted spending reductions to make as I don't know the entire budget. However, like any business you look to find where there is waste and unnecessary spending and eliminate it. Highway dept, do we need all the employees here? Health care for State employees, should not be any better than average plan purchased by private business. Fri, 2/27/09 3:47 PM

157. Sales tax? Fri, 2/27/09 3:43 PM

END OF ON-LINE COMMENTS

BEGINNING OF MAILED SURVEY COMMENTS

1. Illegals Thu, 3/5/09 9:38 PM
2. [targeted] not fire and police [Other] reduce pay of all employees Thu, 3/5/09 9:36 PM
3. Pay freeze all levels Thu, 3/5/09 9:32 PM
4. Sales tax - Limited to 5 years Thu, 3/5/09 9:24 PM
5. Sales tax Thu, 3/5/09 9:23 PM
6. Breaks to timber industry Thu, 3/5/09 9:19 PM
7. Preserve healthcare for children, care for elders Thu, 3/5/09 9:17 PM
8. Leave education and the elder people (70+) alone. We didn't create this mess. Nor did the kids. Thu, 3/5/09 9:10 PM
9. [targeted] Postponable spending [Other] Increase user fees [??] DMV Thu, 3/5/09 9:09 PM
10. [targeted] decrease Gov. inefficiencies [Other] Sales Tax Thu, 3/5/09 9:04 PM
11. [targeted] More recent programs [Other] Sales Thu, 3/5/09 9:02 PM

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- tax all but food & medical
12. [personal increase] to Rich - over 100,00.00 Thu, 3/5/09 9:00 PM
 13. Create medical marijuana run by the state, so the state may acquire income. (Right now it is being sold by ? .) (can't decipher ?) Thu, 3/5/09 8:52 PM
 14. No services for illegal immigrants (education, healthcare, etc.) Thu, 3/5/09 8:32 PM
 15. Reducing/Eliminating Administration pay raises. Thu, 3/5/09 8:22 PM
 16. bogus environmental programs. Thu, 3/5/09 8:12 PM
 17. social programs; pet projects Thu, 3/5/09 8:02 PM
 18. Protect K-12 education and police at all costs!!!! Thu, 3/5/09 5:51 PM
 19. Welfare for illegal aliens. Thu, 3/5/09 5:46 PM
 20. sales tax, beer tax. close corporate loop holes. Thu, 3/5/09 5:42 PM
 21. Target: Special interest/liberal groups/projects. Other:Reduce special interest/Lobbyist "pork projects/funding Thu, 3/5/09 5:38 PM
 22. Sales tax as described by Dennis via emails. Thu, 3/5/09 5:38 PM
 23. more efficiency in spending (consult economists, not lobbyists) Thu, 3/5/09 5:36 PM
 24. reduce evenly except: OSP and Justice. gas tax increase 2 cents Thu, 3/5/09 5:34 PM
 25. Reduce postal service--5 days Thu, 3/5/09 5:29 PM
 26. Target: Pork Barrel programs that we can live w/o. Other: Cut illegal immigrants from welfare programs. Thu, 3/5/09 5:10 PM
 27. all non-essentials. Thu, 3/5/09 5:05 PM
 28. Keep police as is. Slight reduction for schools. Reduce all the rest as needed. Thu, 3/5/09 4:58 PM
 29. Gov. staff Thu, 3/5/09 4:22 PM
 30. welfare grants infrustructure govt aide Thu, 3/5/09 11:55 AM
 31. have unions rethink all the days off that are paid for our state employees Thu, 3/5/09 11:37 AM
 32. Do not initiate new programs Thu, 3/5/09 11:35 AM
 33. tax break for small businesses Thu, 3/5/09 11:31 AM
 34. cut 1/2 of state house and house salaries Thu, 3/5/09 11:26 AM
 35. sakes tax, do away with property tax Thu, 3/5/09 11:11 AM
 36. Need smaller government. Wed, 3/4/09 10:35 PM
 37. Sales Tax = spread burden. Wed, 3/4/09 7:28 PM
 38. Target: Drop needless special interest (serving only a few). Other: Alcohol, cigarettes & gambling add or increase tax. Wed, 3/4/09 7:13 PM

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39. Not all programs are equal. Wed, 3/4/09 7:06 PM
40. Target: House & Senate pay police. Wed, 3/4/09 7:02 PM
41. Welfare, Gov't. Wed, 3/4/09 6:52 PM
42. Increase state police. Wed, 3/4/09 6:43 PM
43. Target: Pork projects, . don Target: pork projects. Wed, 3/4/09 6:23 PM
Don't cut education! Streamline
programs/servics. Cut waste.
44. Reduce waste. Other: Reduce wages and Wed, 3/4/09 6:14 PM
benefits to public employees to match budget.
45. Please, more taxes! Wed, 3/4/09 5:44 PM
46. Target: Cut useless school subjects - i.e. basket Wed, 3/4/09 5:38 PM
weaving, etc.
47. Motor vehicle license 25% increase. Wed, 3/4/09 5:32 PM
48. Target: Not public safety or education Wed, 3/4/09 5:28 PM
49. Re Corporate: Reasonably to not scare away Wed, 3/4/09 5:12 PM
businesses.
50. Target: Release non-violent prisoners. Gas tax Wed, 3/4/09 5:02 PM
should pay for roads.
51. state bldg.(?).. projects - to start! Wed, 3/4/09 4:49 PM
52. Freeze state raises. It would help if we had more Wed, 3/4/09 4:40 PM
industry.
53. Target: Space Program. No job raises anywhere. Wed, 3/4/09 4:33 PM
Other: Don't send our jobs overseas. Make it a
law.
54. Sales Tax Wed, 3/4/09 4:25 PM
55. Re Reduce: except education! Wed, 3/4/09 4:22 PM
56. Target: ODOT & MTR POOL Other: Sales Tax if Wed, 3/4/09 4:14 PM
Income or property tax eliminated.
57. tax legal marijuana Wed, 3/4/09 3:51 PM
58. Reduce government. Wed, 3/4/09 3:47 PM
59. Targeted Spending Reductions: reduce salaries Wed, 3/4/09 3:30 PM
60. Target: All except law enforcement & prisons. Wed, 3/4/09 3:27 PM
Gas Tax: only increase slightly. Other: Increase
hotel tax, park fees, criminal fines.
61. eliminate special interests Wed, 3/4/09 3:18 PM
62. Targeted Spending Reductions: PERS, OR Wed, 3/4/09 3:10 PM
Health Plan
63. Eliminate overburden - see that people do the job Wed, 3/4/09 1:18 PM
they were hired to do and not hire several people
to assist! Open logging.
64. Put personal kicker money into fund to be spent Wed, 3/4/09 1:04 PM

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- only by vote of people. Legis. can spend only interest earned.
- 65. Tax increase on gas companies. Wed, 3/4/09 12:53 PM
 - 66. Other: Sales Tax Wed, 3/4/09 12:48 PM
 - 67. Target: social left wing grants et al. Other: Social engineering programs. Wed, 3/4/09 12:17 PM
 - 68. Target: Further study required. Other: No more kicker refunds. When things improve put it in a fund/trust. Wed, 3/4/09 12:02 PM
 - 69. Target:Further study required. Wed, 3/4/09 11:50 AM
 - 70. Target; Welfare & subsidizing ethanol. Other: Cut income & property tax totally. Create a statewide sales tax. Keep fuel taxes - you buy fuel you pay taxes. Don't punish economical transportation. Wed, 3/4/09 11:36 AM
 - 71. Target: Gov. operations & staff Other: Reduction -tax - Personal, Gas, Corp. Wed, 3/4/09 11:17 AM
 - 72. Target social services; special ed Other: Change from income tax to sales tax. Wed, 3/4/09 10:49 AM
 - 73. Target: Cut non essential programs. Other: Lay off 10% state employees. Wed, 3/4/09 10:34 AM
 - 74. smaller government Wed, 3/4/09 10:19 AM
 - 75. a 5% temporary pay reduction for all Oregon residents that earn \$100,000 or more. re-evaluate once a year. Tue, 3/3/09 10:56 PM
 - 76. Welfare unneeded free money make these responsible for themselves. Freeze "all" state salaries - this economy does not warrant raises. Tue, 3/3/09 10:53 PM
 - 77. Cut all but prson staff and police force Other: divert \$ to maintaining present roads Tue, 3/3/09 10:51 PM
 - 78. Sales tax Tue, 3/3/09 10:37 PM
 - 79. Everything that won't be noticed Tue, 3/3/09 10:33 PM
 - 80. no raised promised to state employees including all politicians Tue, 3/3/09 10:32 PM
 - 81. Target: Overspending in redecorating offices of house representatives. Other: Tax payers shouldn't have to pay for state representatives travels. Tue, 3/3/09 10:30 PM
 - 82. Legislators salaries! Tue, 3/3/09 10:30 PM
 - 83. School Administrators Tue, 3/3/09 10:25 PM
 - 84. Target: Reduce benefit programs. Other: Wasteful government spending programs. Tue, 3/3/09 10:24 PM
 - 85. Remove Corp. "loopholes" so they pay "fair" share Tue, 3/3/09 10:21 PM

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| 86. | Get rid of PERS | Tue, 3/3/09 10:10 PM |
| 87. | Keep polic, fire, education | Tue, 3/3/09 10:04 PM |
| 88. | Live within current income Stop over spending!! | Tue, 3/3/09 10:01 PM |
| 89. | PERS -10% | Tue, 3/3/09 9:56 PM |
| 90. | Get rid of state employees many are on the dole.
We need far le\$\$ government!! | Tue, 3/3/09 9:53 PM |
| 91. | law enforcement | Tue, 3/3/09 9:52 PM |
| 92. | protect K-12 education | Tue, 3/3/09 9:51 PM |
| 93. | Stop wasting tax payer's money. | Tue, 3/3/09 9:51 PM |
| 94. | 5% sales tax put it in the Constitution so that it
takes 2/3 majority vote to change and do away
with property taxes | Tue, 3/3/09 9:49 PM |
| 95. | Lower OR Health Care | Tue, 3/3/09 9:45 PM |
| 96. | liquor and cigarettes | Tue, 3/3/09 9:44 PM |
| 97. | Target: Unemployment benefit fraud. | Tue, 3/3/09 9:43 PM |
| 98. | Share the tax burden--personal and corporate | Tue, 3/3/09 9:38 PM |
| 99. | Limit all spending on anything that is not needed | Tue, 3/3/09 9:35 PM |
| 100. | Implement state sales tax | Tue, 3/3/09 9:34 PM |
| 101. | Cut all but prson staff and police force Other:
divert \$ to maintaining present roads | Tue, 3/3/09 9:32 PM |
| 102. | Reduce: even govonnor Other: Fund police &
courts by 100% restitution. Looser pays all. | Tue, 3/3/09 7:00 PM |
| 103. | Target: State salaries. Other: More recycle
initiatives! | Tue, 3/3/09 6:43 PM |
| 104. | Toler's idea of 5-10% (temporary) reduction for
tax deductions. | Tue, 3/3/09 6:25 PM |
| 105. | Make K-12 education a priority. | Tue, 3/3/09 6:22 PM |
| 106. | Wasteful programs. | Tue, 3/3/09 6:05 PM |
| 107. | Raising taxes would add to current problem. | Tue, 3/3/09 5:45 PM |
| 108. | Reduce the amount we pay politicians - all
politicians. | Tue, 3/3/09 5:03 PM |
| 109. | Reduce spending evenly across all programs by
enough to balance the budget. No new programs
and eliminate 10% of all existing programs. | Tue, 3/3/09 4:48 PM |
| 110. | The state like my household has to live within it's
means. | Tue, 3/3/09 4:47 PM |
| 111. | less welfare | Tue, 3/3/09 4:43 PM |
| 112. | Sales tax of 3-4% | Tue, 3/3/09 4:34 PM |
| 113. | Target - OHP - HHS - ODOT | Tue, 3/3/09 4:27 PM |
| 114. | Tax on alcohol and cigarettes | Tue, 3/3/09 4:00 PM |

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115. Targeted Spending Reductions: all except public safety (fire/police) education and infrastructure vice taxes: cigarettes, beer, etc. Tue, 3/3/09 3:55 PM
116. Targeted: K-12, OHP, DHS. Other: create non-PERS pick-up tier Tue, 3/3/09 3:54 PM
117. Targeted: human resources, education. The present product of our Ed system is shameful. Tue, 3/3/09 3:51 PM
118. Targeted Spending Reductions: all areas except health and public safety eliminate property taxes, substitute with sales tax/user tax Tue, 3/3/09 3:47 PM
119. Targeted Spending Reductions: have independent auditor find an eliminate waste revise EMS rules to reflect current science Tue, 3/3/09 3:43 PM
120. Eliminate all deductions and go to an across-the-board flat tax. Around 10%. Tue, 3/3/09 3:40 PM
121. sales tax Tue, 3/3/09 3:39 PM
122. Targeted Spending Reductions: reduce size and spending of government state should live within its means Tue, 3/3/09 3:37 PM
123. (They only checked one box on the whole survey: reduce spending evenly.) Tue, 3/3/09 3:36 PM
124. Targeted Spending Reductions: New projects of law, help for economy Luxury tax (ex: cars and boats etc. over \$40k) Tue, 3/3/09 3:34 PM
125. Targeted: welfare Tue, 3/3/09 3:31 PM
126. Targeted Spending Reductions: De-emphasize "green projects" and various social pet projects Tue, 3/3/09 3:28 PM
127. Targeted: welfare Tue, 3/3/09 3:27 PM
128. cut off all benefits to illegals Tue, 3/3/09 3:23 PM
129. Reduce pet pork projects. Other: no tax increases. We've been "porked" enough in this poor economy. Tue, 3/3/09 3:22 PM
130. (Crossed off Personal income tax increase and Gas tax increase) Tue, 3/3/09 3:18 PM
131. Less food stamps to single males. Get rid of every cell phone not absolutely necessary. Tue, 3/3/09 3:12 PM
132. Targeted Spending Reductions: bike paths in streets Tue, 3/3/09 3:11 PM
133. Targeted Spending Reductions: all non-public safety departments no increases of taxes. churchill said to stimulate the economy, reduce the tax burden Tue, 3/3/09 3:08 PM
134. wage freeze for all employees, including legislators Tue, 3/3/09 3:06 PM

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| 135. cut social programs | Tue, 3/3/09 3:01 PM |
| 136. sale of interest bearing bonds | Tue, 3/3/09 2:57 PM |
| 137. use your lottery | Tue, 3/3/09 2:52 PM |
| 138. reduce salaries | Tue, 3/3/09 2:42 PM |
| 139. Targeted Spending Reductions: Welfare, health care | Tue, 3/3/09 2:38 PM |
| 140. All services for illegals | Tue, 3/3/09 2:34 PM |
| 141. Targeted Spending Reductions: Office Furnish
No tax increase! | Tue, 3/3/09 2:26 PM |
| 142. Targeted Spending Reductions: Government
Pork Work on what you have not what you want | Tue, 3/3/09 2:20 PM |
| 143. sales tax: lower income and property tax | Tue, 3/3/09 2:14 PM |
| 144. taxes for basic services only | Tue, 3/3/09 2:07 PM |
| 145. reduce the size of state and county personel | Tue, 3/3/09 1:59 PM |
| 146. No on Corporate income tax increase | Mon, 3/2/09 10:11 PM |
| 147. Stop state from hiring recruiters to sign up food
stamp recipiants/cut/eliminate aid to non
citizens. | Mon, 3/2/09 9:55 PM |
| 148. Arts/Car pools/Remodels | Mon, 3/2/09 9:41 PM |
| 149. Target: Raises for senators & representatives. | Mon, 3/2/09 9:37 PM |
| 150. welfare | Mon, 3/2/09 8:55 PM |
| 151. Reduce politician wages AND retirement and
office equipment expense | Mon, 3/2/09 8:50 PM |
| 152. Reduce except for police | Mon, 3/2/09 8:41 PM |
| 153. Use lotto money Other: cut special perks or fat
programs | Mon, 3/2/09 8:39 PM |
| 154. Non essential services,art projects | Mon, 3/2/09 8:31 PM |
| 155. I think State agencys can be much more
conservative, cut waste, recycle, reuse | Mon, 3/2/09 8:28 PM |
| 156. Targeted spending reductions are tht 1st step.
then reduce evenly | Mon, 3/2/09 8:23 PM |
| 157. Consolidate duplicate agency functions in one
"GSA" - type agency | Mon, 3/2/09 8:20 PM |
| 158. 2% gas tax increase, Other: State Sales Tax on
"non essential" items | Mon, 3/2/09 8:14 PM |
| 159. decrease taxes | Mon, 3/2/09 8:08 PM |
| 160. Cut waste | Mon, 3/2/09 8:07 PM |
| 161. Scale government back to 1960 freedoms for the
citizens. | Mon, 3/2/09 6:11 PM |
| 162. Reduce education and administrative costs. | Mon, 3/2/09 6:08 PM |

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- 163. eliminate unnecessary executive overhead costs. Mon, 3/2/09 6:05 PM
- 164. any government pay increases should be cancelled. Mon, 3/2/09 5:54 PM
- 165. Put to a vote about the "Kicker Fund" - needs to be Emergency fund - not touch- able until times such as these!! Mon, 3/2/09 5:43 PM
- 166. No spending on any illegal immigrants. Mon, 3/2/09 5:30 PM
- 167. Remove all bonuses. Eliminate all taxes (income, property, etc. with a sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 5:27 PM
- 168. target: political salaries Mon, 3/2/09 5:26 PM
- 169. address misuse of resources by government. Mon, 3/2/09 5:21 PM
- 170. Eliminate Oregon Health Plan. Institute a 10% Flat Tax for everyone--prove there's equality under the law. Mon, 3/2/09 5:20 PM
- 171. Target welfare Other: Use common sense. Mon, 3/2/09 5:19 PM
- 172. Ipose a state sales tax Mon, 3/2/09 5:13 PM
- 173. Get rid of funding for statues and art. Mon, 3/2/09 5:09 PM
- 174. government jobs Mon, 3/2/09 5:07 PM
- 175. Eliminate low priority programs. Mon, 3/2/09 5:02 PM
- 176. Schools, Human Services Mon, 3/2/09 4:56 PM
- 177. Stop using 5 workers to do 1 persons job. Mon, 3/2/09 4:37 PM
- 178. Tax & spend is Democrats NOT Republicans. Mon, 3/2/09 4:33 PM
- 179. Stop funding health care for illegal aliens. Reduce welfare. Mon, 3/2/09 4:32 PM
- 180. Temporary 1% sales tax no more than 5 years. Mon, 3/2/09 4:30 PM
- 181. Eliminate extravagances such as help for the arts. Mon, 3/2/09 4:28 PM
- 182. eliminate the wasteful, redundant and inefficient. Mon, 3/2/09 4:21 PM
- 183. Increase the timber harvest. Mon, 3/2/09 4:18 PM
- 184. reduce programs which are not working Mon, 3/2/09 4:12 PM
- 185. 1% sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 4:04 PM
- 186. Lower salaries of state employees.. Mon, 3/2/09 4:03 PM
- 187. Spend only on necessities. Mon, 3/2/09 3:38 PM
- 188. ESF for remainder of 2009 School year. Hotel tax increase, alcohol tax increase. Mon, 3/2/09 3:33 PM
- 189. Reduce governor and your salary by one half. Leave schools an seniors alone. Mon, 3/2/09 3:01 PM
- 190. Labor costs and benefits should be reduced. Mon, 3/2/09 2:42 PM
- 191. NO TAX INCREASES Mon, 3/2/09 2:40 PM
- 192. LESS GOVERNMENT Mon, 3/2/09 2:36 PM

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- 193.** reduce military spending. Have a 3% sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 2:34 PM
- 194.** cut art and landscaping. Spend money first to protect people, animals and property with police and fire, the rest comes after. Mon, 3/2/09 2:28 PM
- 195.** Release non-violent prisoners to alternative treatment. Income tax up on the highest 50% and particularly the highest 10%. Tax high gas usage vehicles and exempt the poor. Mon, 3/2/09 2:25 PM
- 196.** If your in a hole stop digging!!! Mon, 3/2/09 2:19 PM
- 197.** Stop spending and stop creating new programs. Mon, 3/2/09 2:17 PM
- 198.** eliminate corporate tax breaks. eliminate spending if not supported by income. people cannot support themselves let alone government. Mon, 3/2/09 1:49 PM
- 199.** healthcare and subsistance for illegal aliens should be reduced. Mon, 3/2/09 1:45 PM
- 200.** retain school funding Mon, 3/2/09 1:42 PM
- 201.** reduce size of administrative staff, Mon, 3/2/09 1:37 PM
- 202.** 1% sales tax, sunset after 3 years, but not on food. Mon, 3/2/09 1:32 PM
- 203.** Raise fines for driving infractions double. 3 to 4 times tax increase on alcohol and smoking. Feed bread and water to prisoners. Mon, 3/2/09 1:30 PM
- 204.** Reduce government employee wages and benefits to match the public. Mon, 3/2/09 1:25 PM
- 205.** Sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 1:22 PM
- 206.** Sales Tax Mon, 3/2/09 1:20 PM
- 207.** eliminate liberal democrat pork spending, i.e. planned parenthood. Eliminate taxpayer funding for non-citizens-illegal aliens. Mon, 3/2/09 1:00 PM
- 208.** reduce all welfare and health care Mon, 3/2/09 12:51 PM
- 209.** No tax increases. Absolutely no new taxes. Mon, 3/2/09 12:48 PM
- 210.** audit for waste and duplication. Mon, 3/2/09 12:39 PM
- 211.** reduce civil servants. Out source functions like ODOT. Mon, 3/2/09 12:35 PM
- 212.** Reduce these problems in the future by eliminating the "kicker" tax refund and establish/increase a "rainy day fund". Mon, 3/2/09 12:27 PM
- 213.** No social program benefits for illegals. Mon, 3/2/09 12:24 PM
- 214.** Reduce income tax, add a sales tax. Mon, 3/2/09 12:22 PM
- 215.** have our politicians take a cut in pay-seriously. Mon, 3/2/09 12:19 PM
- 216.** non-essential services Mon, 3/2/09 12:11 PM
- 217.** Learn to pay cash as you go. Mon, 3/2/09 10:25 AM

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- 218.** target - Those that least effect children and people in need. Mon, 3/2/09 10:13 AM
- 219.** Target - Special interest non-essential funding or groups. Mon, 3/2/09 10:09 AM
- 220.** NO on income tax and gas tax increases. Mon, 3/2/09 10:02 AM
- 221.** Non essential health care and human services. Mon, 3/2/09 9:56 AM
- 222.** line item Mon, 3/2/09 9:42 AM
- 223.** Reduce admin. personel & costs in state welfare programs. We need to cut the growth of individual programs. We see more & more small empires being built in tras, (?), health, welfare, etc. They all want to add people and budgets . le: How many state vehicles we have. Mon, 3/2/09 9:35 AM
- 224.** Nice to have but not necessary. Keep basic programs only. Work to reduce money spent nationally on interest payments. Basic economics. Tax revenues will be greatly reduced because of losses in the stock market and lower value of homes. All this adds up to a disaster! Mon, 3/2/09 9:07 AM
- 225.** Target: Welfare programs especially for illegals. Other: Remove income & go to sales tax. Those who have money to buy will pay the more they spend. Sun, 3/1/09 10:58 PM
- 226.** Cigarette & liquor taxes; lottery funds. Sun, 3/1/09 10:34 PM
- 227.** Decrease top official's pay across board. Sun, 3/1/09 10:26 PM
- 228.** Stop spending money foolishly! Sun, 3/1/09 10:21 PM
- 229.** Give me the list and I'll work on it. Sun, 3/1/09 10:06 PM
- 230.** Too many people on pay roll ! Quit spending money you don't have. Sun, 3/1/09 9:41 PM
- 231.** Fuly fund K-12 education, spread reductions across rest of state. Sun, 3/1/09 9:37 PM
- 232.** reduce spending 10%. Sun, 3/1/09 9:25 PM
- 233.** Do NOT reduce education!!! Time for a sales tax. Way past due. Sun, 3/1/09 12:01 AM
- 234.** Stop funding Amtrak buses! Lay off public employees! Sat, 2/28/09 11:58 PM
- 235.** Change lobbyests \$100,000 each per year. Increase Gov't portion from state lottery. Sat, 2/28/09 11:55 PM
- 236.** Targeted: all but the "bare necessities!" Other: tax recreational and luxury items, boats, RV's, 4-wheelers, sports cars Sat, 2/28/09 10:58 PM
- 237.** Rollback spending increases from previous years. Fri, 2/27/09 4:52 PM

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238.	Sales tax	Fri, 2/27/09 4:36 PM
239.	Health and human services	Fri, 2/27/09 4:35 PM
240.	Bring jobs from China to here!	Fri, 2/27/09 4:32 PM
241.	PERS	Fri, 2/27/09 4:16 PM
242.	Freeze all state employee wages, including legislature. Reduce spending in welfare programs by making it more difficult for illegals to remain in Oregon.	Fri, 2/27/09 4:14 PM
243.	ODOT, light rail and bridge construction, not schools. Use rainy day fund - cut all state employees by 20% except police and fire.	Fri, 2/27/09 4:10 PM
244.	Welfare. What happened to the 2 year only rule?	Fri, 2/27/09 4:03 PM
245.	State Level wages	Fri, 2/27/09 4:00 PM
246.	social services	Fri, 2/27/09 3:58 PM
247.	One Government	Fri, 2/27/09 3:56 PM
248.	Cut from the top. Less chiefs more Indians. Top execs and admins make the most money. Cut them First from state jobs. Keep lower level workers.	Fri, 2/27/09 3:53 PM
249.	Necessities only benefitting those who actually pay taxes! Increase efficiency/focus	Fri, 2/27/09 3:38 PM
250.	Sales Tax - It's time	Fri, 2/27/09 3:31 PM
251.	Cut from the top. Less chiefs, more indians. Higher level execs and admin make more money. Lower level state employees earn less but do more.	Fri, 2/27/09 3:28 PM
252.	Targeted Spending Reductions: Education/employee income and govt. perks Reduce size of ODOT and bid maintenance jobs on the road to the private sector	Fri, 2/27/09 3:18 PM
253.	Cut administrative costs	Fri, 2/27/09 3:11 PM
254.	Tax cuts for businesses that hire people	Fri, 2/27/09 3:09 PM
255.	Use lottery funds	Fri, 2/27/09 3:06 PM
256.	All Areas Except Police	Fri, 2/27/09 3:03 PM
257.	Targeted Spending Reductions: anything not critical match my personal budget. Income is "X" dollars, tithe/savings (10%) and balance (80%) is spent for needs, not wants	Fri, 2/27/09 2:42 PM
258.	gas tax increase of 5 cents	Fri, 2/27/09 1:54 PM
259.	sales tax (7-8%)	Fri, 2/27/09 1:47 PM
260.	any special interest	Fri, 2/27/09 1:44 PM
261.	Save education funding	Thu, 2/26/09 4:46 PM

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262.	Health and welfare	Thu, 2/26/09 4:45 PM
263.	All except health and education	Thu, 2/26/09 4:24 PM
264.	Cut out waste!	Thu, 2/26/09 4:20 PM
265.	put on hold all programs that are not for the health and well being of our citizens	Thu, 2/26/09 4:10 PM
266.	light rail; get rid of the Governor (Obama's lap dog)	Thu, 2/26/09 3:54 PM
267.	Top executive's salary	Thu, 2/26/09 3:29 PM
268.	Sale tax	Thu, 2/26/09 3:26 PM
269.	get rid of unnecessary programs	Thu, 2/26/09 3:23 PM
270.	State Salaries	Thu, 2/26/09 3:20 PM
271.	Cut Governor's wages	Thu, 2/26/09 3:19 PM
272.	Sales Tax	Thu, 2/26/09 3:14 PM
273.	All except SS, Health, and education	Thu, 2/26/09 3:10 PM
274.	reduce peripheral regulation and social engineering	Thu, 2/26/09 3:01 PM
275.	Get rid of all the wasteful spending and inflated retirement programs.	Thu, 2/26/09 2:58 PM
276.	ODOT	Thu, 2/26/09 2:52 PM
277.	Cut all none essential programs and feel good spending!!!	Thu, 2/26/09 2:44 PM
278.	Remove outdated unneeded programs	Thu, 2/26/09 2:40 PM
279.	Freeze government salary	Thu, 2/26/09 2:38 PM
280.	Environmental groups, cut costs, taxes are too high now	Thu, 2/26/09 2:24 PM
281.	reduce high level administrators	Thu, 2/26/09 2:19 PM
282.	reduce postal service to 5 days	Thu, 2/26/09 2:17 PM
283.	Evaluate needs	Thu, 2/26/09 2:16 PM
284.	Public Works Projects	Thu, 2/26/09 2:12 PM
285.	Protect elderly, disabled, children and let other programs go like transportation.	Thu, 2/26/09 1:39 PM
286.	Sales Tax	Thu, 2/26/09 1:35 PM
287.	Statewide sales tax	Thu, 2/26/09 1:30 PM
288.	3% sales tax - that cannot be increased without a public vote	Thu, 2/26/09 1:29 PM
289.	Cut top heavy state and school programs	Thu, 2/26/09 1:17 PM
290.	Let California fund limited pipe/acqueduct system to Shasta Dam of "excess" water. Oregonians build it and they pay premium per acre foot.	Thu, 2/26/09 1:03 PM
291.	Reduce the salaries and benefits of all state	Thu, 2/26/09 12:46 PM

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- employees
- 292.** Hiring Freeze Thu, 2/26/09 12:43 PM
 - 293.** Social Services (Welfare) Thu, 2/26/09 12:41 PM
 - 294.** Within Government Thu, 2/26/09 12:36 PM
 - 295.** Tax Kids (for school & bussing) Thu, 2/26/09 12:30 PM
 - 296.** Reduce size of State Government! Eliminate wasteful spending in all programs! Eliminate non-essential programs. No new programs! No! (next to "Personal income tax increase, Gas tax increase, Corporate income tax increase") Wed, 2/25/09 7:20 PM
 - 297.** Use Oregon's renewable resource — trees. Log responsibly. Wed, 2/25/09 7:09 PM
 - 298.** tax increases will destroy us! Wed, 2/25/09 7:01 PM
 - 299.** Special Education Look into OHP fraud + welfare fraud. Wed, 2/25/09 6:35 PM
 - 300.** - Transportation projects, photo police ticketing. - Better property management either rent or sell vacant state properties - Require parents to work to receive aid to dependent children - Our current ADC system encourages women to have children so they can receive more aid and not work. Wed, 2/25/09 6:18 PM
 - 301.** The most recently instituted programs that started when we had a surplus of \$\$'s. Wed, 2/25/09 6:14 PM
 - 302.** Sales Tax Wed, 2/25/09 6:08 PM
 - 303.** CUT FAT in State Government (If you don't understand this) people call me Wed, 2/25/09 5:59 PM
 - 304.** Sales Tax Wed, 2/25/09 5:52 PM
 - 305.** Oregon Health Plan Wed, 2/25/09 5:42 PM
 - 306.** ODOT Wed, 2/25/09 5:36 PM
 - 307.** NO tax increases! Wed, 2/25/09 3:52 PM
 - 308.** like business, government needs to decrease in size Wed, 2/25/09 3:41 PM
 - 309.** Targeted Spending Reductions: redistribution of wealth/entitlement programs Wed, 2/25/09 3:12 PM
 - 310.** Targeted Spending Reductions: Eliminate unconstitutional spending, period! Wed, 2/25/09 3:04 PM
 - 311.** scrap the kicker and save the money toward years like this Wed, 2/25/09 3:01 PM
 - 312.** Targeted Spending Reductions: PERS Professional sports in Oregon/players/team/owners U.S. should tax all professional sports Wed, 2/25/09 2:51 PM
 - 313.** tax soft drinks Wed, 2/25/09 2:43 PM

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- 314. sales tax Wed, 2/25/09 2:37 PM
- 315. sales tax Wed, 2/25/09 2:26 PM
- 316. Eliminate contractors board Wed, 2/25/09 2:23 PM
- 317. Allow the production of industrial hemp, it could help solve alot of jobs that have been cut. It has a myriad of uses, including oil. Wed, 2/25/09 2:21 PM
- 318. Targeted Spending Reductions: Education for one- the more money we spend the worse the product Government employee reduction etc. etc. Wed, 2/25/09 2:05 PM
- 319. cut all gov. wages and benefits Wed, 2/25/09 1:39 PM
- 320. Institute state sales tax at the register Wed, 2/25/09 1:35 PM
- 321. state sales tax 3% non-food items Tue, 2/24/09 3:57 PM
- 322. Targeted spending reductions: Close OR. Aeronautic 3 cent gas tax increase Tue, 2/24/09 3:55 PM
- 323. Targeted spending reductions: Gov. Jobs Welfare Tue, 2/24/09 3:47 PM
- 324. Targeted spending reductions: stop spending Don't spend money that you don't have Tue, 2/24/09 3:43 PM
- 325. Diesel tax increase Targeted Spending Reductions: non-citizen Sales tax in leu of income tax (rates higher on luxury items) Tue, 2/24/09 3:36 PM
- 326. Targeted Spending Reductions: property taxes Tue, 2/24/09 3:14 PM
- 327. Increase buisness incentives to create more jobs. Tue, 2/24/09 3:14 PM
- 328. Retail sales tax. Tue, 2/24/09 3:12 PM
- 329. Use the year 2000 as base budget. allow infaltion increase, then cut out programs on priority basis Tue, 2/24/09 3:09 PM
- 330. Reduction: spending on illegal immigrants. Tue, 2/24/09 3:09 PM
- 331. Reductions: State police Reduce senate and legislative staff too. To one person each also cut your salary 75%. Tue, 2/24/09 3:07 PM
- 332. Targeted Spending Reductions: Non-esesntial Tue, 2/24/09 3:01 PM
- 333. reductions: human services. Gas tax increase. Tue, 2/24/09 2:57 PM
- 334. Vouchers for childrens ed. link teachers salaries to student's preformance. Tue, 2/24/09 2:54 PM
- 335. Targeted Spending Reductions: Fish & Wildlife, Courts, Tobacco tax enforcement hotline Tue, 2/24/09 2:53 PM
- 336. no raises for legislators, not when everyone else is taking pay cuts Tue, 2/24/09 2:37 PM
- 337. Who will you go to next. I'd rather live abroad if im to be a sufragist. Tue, 2/24/09 2:36 PM
- 338. Reduce truck way stations by 50% Tue, 2/24/09 2:32 PM

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- 339.** partial rainy day fund use Tue, 2/24/09 2:25 PM
- 340.** Sales tax Tue, 2/24/09 2:21 PM
- 341.** 3% sales tax/bring in business Tue, 2/24/09 2:17 PM
- 342.** State wage freeze. Tue, 2/24/09 2:15 PM
- 343.** Progressive tax neighbors w/250,000 campers aren't paying enough. Tue, 2/24/09 2:12 PM
- 344.** Deprt illegals. It isn't fair to make U.S. citizens pay (through taxes) for these people's illegally profiting in the U.S. Tue, 2/24/09 2:08 PM
- 345.** illigals: no health care, no food stamps, no special teachers in schools Tue, 2/24/09 2:01 PM
- 346.** Reduction: Healthcare services. Tue, 2/24/09 1:56 PM
- 347.** Reductions: No pay raises for state officials & employees. Tue, 2/24/09 1:53 PM
- 348.** Wasteful programs fly larra research-type programs. You know what's fluff and what's not. Cuts in staff salaries of congronel aids until you balance the budget and spend responsibly Tue, 2/24/09 1:51 PM
- 349.** Quit creating high paying jobs in salem that have no function. Tue, 2/24/09 1:50 PM
- 350.** Reductions: Welfare, people being payed to clean debris from their property for fire safety. Should be fined for not doing it on their own. 911 waste, when you only need an ambulance and specify so, here comes fire trucks and police also. Terrible waste! Tue, 2/24/09 1:47 PM
- 351.** Reductions: "green products" Projects that don't increase employment. Tue, 2/24/09 1:41 PM
- 352.** Welfare-Govt. Cut back on socialism programs Tue, 2/24/09 1:39 PM
- 353.** Scrutinize spending: too much fluff, this is a crisis Tue, 2/24/09 1:36 PM
- 354.** Reductions: School gets too much money. No tax increases Tue, 2/24/09 1:36 PM
- 355.** Reduce the size of government. Tue, 2/24/09 1:29 PM
- 356.** Reductions: 5% layoff share empoves. Drill for oil & share the profits - Talk to Sarah Palin. Tue, 2/24/09 1:27 PM
- 357.** Welfare Programs. No tax increase - less spending. Tue, 2/24/09 1:22 PM
- 358.** Reduce government Tue, 2/24/09 1:17 PM
- 359.** prefect education & health care Tue, 2/24/09 1:15 PM
- 360.** Get out of our lives and you won't need so much money. Stop trying to own everything Tue, 2/24/09 1:13 PM
- 361.** "Nice to have" programs & depts. of depts.An audit would be nice to reduce waste. Tue, 2/24/09 1:03 PM

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| 362. Stop government waste & theft of goods & service. | Tue, 2/24/09 12:47 PM |
| 363. Eliminate wasteful spending, eliminate programs that we can do without of which I'm sure there are many. | Tue, 2/24/09 11:59 AM |
| 364. Eliminate Government Waste, alcohol/cigarette tax | Tue, 2/24/09 11:48 AM |
| 365. CUT TAXES! | Mon, 2/23/09 4:55 PM |
| 366. Don't reduce spending for schools. Fewer loopholed for corporations Eliminate Kicker & Stimulus Checks | Mon, 2/23/09 4:52 PM |
| 367. Sales tax to fund schools | Mon, 2/23/09 4:00 PM |
| 368. Targeted spending reductions: non-essential department staff deduced Flat tax across Oregon to replace income and property tax relief | Mon, 2/23/09 3:53 PM |
| 369. Costs for legislatures and governor and staff | Mon, 2/23/09 3:46 PM |
| 370. Contract out services by the state--Ex DOT--Private Contractors | Mon, 2/23/09 3:41 PM |
| 371. PURS Program | Mon, 2/23/09 3:35 PM |
| 372. anything except fire & safety | Mon, 2/23/09 3:33 PM |

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