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What area of the state has the greatest number of homeless and cost of living/poverty issues? Portland. This is a grab from Portland to get the rest of the state to pay for the homeless and poverty problems they continue to fail to deal with properly on their own. On top of that, it not only comes at the expense of citizens around the state but will harm businesses around the state as consumers tighten spending. I hope Portland businesses are ready to take the brunt of that hit...ironically...as Washingtonians, for instance, will be less inclined to bother crossing the border to shop.

I am in favor of finding fair, balanced, and \*effective\* ways to help these groups, but Oregon's rule by Portland politicians who make up half the legislature only to represent themselves with gifts for Portland to pay for the City's failures and State social fantasies rather than policies and programs the rest of the state actually wants or needs, is a gross misuse of the public trust and funds the public provides out of their pockets. It is not \*your\* money. It is all Oregonian's. Pull your heads out of Portland and do your job in representing the state as a whole...including those vast areas of the state you all are obviously ignorant and dismissive of.