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I oppose HB 4079. Oregon is one of the highest taxed states in the country, and people are leaving in droves because of the insane high tax and spend policies by the democrat supermajority in this body. Hard working Oregonians are kind, generous people that want to help people in need, but this program will be rife with fraud, if previous government welfare programs are any indication. Further, Oregon has a lack of work problem. Continuing to pay people not to work will continue Oregon's downward trend toward poverty because the people wealthy enough to leave will do so rather than continuing to fund low income families that refuse to work. Further, what is the government doing about the crime and homelessness problem destroying Portland? I see elected officials throwing money at the problem, and most homeless people use the free money they are given on drugs and alcohol. Want to know how I know that? I am an ER nurse treating these people every day, and they admit that they want to spend the money on drugs and alcohol. I am not interested in funding another welfare program that does nothing to help people get off the street and become a productive member of our society, but will either turn into fraud, waste, or furthering addiction. We the people pay enough in taxes, and have little to nothing to show for it. No more until you are held accountable for your out of control taxing and spending policies!