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This bill makes absolutely no sense. Giving a homeless person a \$750. debit card will only enable them to stay homeless. There are jobs everywhere for those who want to work. Those who are on drugs will have to suffer the consequences of their choice to become addicted. They should be offered drug treatment but if they refuse, then the taxpayers should not give them money to buy more drugs with. Those who are mentally ill should be taken off the streets and put in a facility. It is time we reopen Dammasch or other facilities like this. Those who really want to get off the streets and work for what they get should be seen by social services and directed to the programs that are already in place for them.

Many people are working hard and living frugally on what they earn so they can maintain their families. These people should not be expected to give away more money in taxes. People are fed up.

Oregon State Government is already the 4th fattest and 4th biggest state spending state government in America as measured by per-person spending. This is on top of the billion surplus they stashed into a slush fund last year that could be used.

Offering monthly \$750 debit cards to people (homeless, pregnant, etc), will attract people from out of state, just like other welfare benefits have done. The Atlantic Magazine called Oregon a "Welfare Utopia". We are famous nationwide for our welfare benefits. This is overwhelming our our social services, charities, and local governments, and is forcing government to raise taxes even higher.