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Respectfully, this bill has no financials with in the documents posted, so we would add more responsibilities to collect tax from retailers already short staffed and low inventory. Then penalize the collectors with fines and interest. Then the State of Oregon would give the tax money to colleges and non-profit organizations to give to the homeless - but the homeless would have to go through financial classes? Our state just lowered high school graduation requirements and now the State wants to educate homeless on finances - that is math, social skills etc. This makes no sense. Homeless situations vary, some may really do well with an extra \$750 a month and make life changing decisions. Others will use it to play the system and keep the lifestyle they currently have with greater permission from the State to never change, sell the card for cash and buy more legal drugs now that most are legal to possess.

I am against this HB4079. Our state is already a welfare state, we would have a greater influx of homeless if this passes. Additionally the State would have to manage the revenue collection and distribution of funds, that is a huge job to make sure colleges and nonprofits are doing the job you task them with - big departments, lots of State Employees - more benefits and retirement...Is our State up to that challenge? No. Are your residents pleased with this proposed HB4079? No. Do your residents want a Sales tax? NO! Does this benefit Oregon's law abiding, tax paying residence? No it does not. Sincerely Tara Baumann