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I write in emphatic opposition to financial handouts in this way. There are many good organizations offering assistance to the homeless, and others named in the bill. I contribute funds to several in my community. And, BTW, I survive on less than the threshold named in the bill! because I learned throughout life how to budget. Something the Governor and legislature need to learn. Oops, I digress. To the matters in the proposed bill: where's the budgeting and oversight? This will only exacerbate the problem of homelessness. Word will get out. Others will come to Oregon for the handouts. Dumb idea. If and when there are funds for assisting "individuals who are experiencing homelessness" etc., those funds should be given to providers of shelter. While partaking of such sheltering, those receiving the assistance can be taught how to budget. They can be helped to get off drugs or get medical care or counseling for other issues keeping them homeless, presumably jobless, too. Don't pass this bill. It'd not prescribing useful (by that I mean remedial!) help.