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As a concerned citizen (and long time resident) of the State of Oregon, I feel it is my duty to vehemently OPPOSE this bill...and that all of our legislators should as well. It is the height of your immoral behavior that has brought us to the brink of what I can only say is ultimate disaster with your ridiculous policies that have DONE NOTHING to help actual citizens...the ridiculous drug bill that decriminalized open drug use on our streets HAS NOT REDUCED CRIME OR SLOWED USAGE OF HARD DRUGS! It has only gotten worse. I implore you all, stop this madness. I have been an independent voter my whole voting life, and I struggle...and it is my firm belief that these policies only intention is to rile up the population of Oregon, in an attempt to make us mad, so that you can have a reason to take more rights away from us, and increase taxes on us (which are among the highest in the nation already.) I ask you, what is your real purpose here? it certainly isn't public "safety" as you put it. Stop defunding police forces, and apply the laws as written, WE DON'T NEED NEW LAWS JUST ENFORCE THE ONES WE HAVE. Why on Earth are you allowing this to happen? You are elected to do the WILL OF THE PEOPLE. But this can hardly be that, as I would find myself hard pressed to find a majority of voters that would support taxation of this kind and to this degree...it is certainly taxation without representation. You know it is...and if this bill goes forward, then God have mercy on your souls, for I can't imagine what happens after that. Or rather I don't want to imagine what happens after that. And don't try to interpret some kind of threat in my words...because there isn't one. You should be finding ways to reach us better, and using the money you already have at your disposal, than to tax the last dollar we have...there are many citizens that are hurting here, you can't be blind that, and if you are, then truly Democracy is dead..