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Never let a crisis go to waste. This is nothing more than an attempt to work around the INTENT of existing laws associated with property taxes! The current rules associated with property taxes are despised by many of the currently elected officials. Oregon is one of few states that have such laws in place, and they do their job well!

The current laws:

- Protect seniors and disabled by capping the amount their property taxes can increase on a yearly basis
- Help keep housing costs and/or rent affordable
- Helps keep housing costs affordable for young first-time home buyers

This self-inflicted "public safety" crisis that has been created by many of your elected officials is no reason to allow these same elected officials to change the INTENT of how property taxes are determined. These proposed changes will lead to more homelessness, which will lead to more "public safety" issues, which will continue the crisis, which will require more tax dollars to "fix"! The cycle needs to STOP!