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Our family is reaching the breaking point and are seriously considering leaving this state. The taxes and cost of living here are too high. We make a good living but are finding it harder and harder to imagine when we can retire with the ever increasing costs in Oregon. We have had many friends leave the state in the past 2 years as soon as their children graduated. We have begun to look at where we will move as a result of the high cost of living that doesn't correlate to services provided. Our public schools are in the bottom 10% in the nation, our roads are not maintained, our mail is stolen weekly, cars broken into, there is filth everywhere in the city, we have grown the population by attracting and supporting drug addicts from the rest of the country, our electric bills just increased substantially again but no plans for burying lines to prevent week long outages every year with our new weather, ...As businesses and homeowners continue to leave Portland, the rest of the state suffers. The population will continue to decline and those of us bringing in the largest tax revenues are the first to leave. Elected and appointed officials need to manage the state's and counties' needs to the budget you already have or find capable representatives with business acumen who can. What has happened to this state? It used to be ranked in top 3 places to live for quality of life, now it's at the very bottom. Taking more money from taxpayers who are already stretched is not the answer. Government is meant to serve the people, not the other way around.