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Oregon does not need a new Constitutional amendment regarding funding public safety. Our state already has the means and funding for public safety. What we lack is the will to utilize those means and to fund those means appropriately within the current system.

We have police & law enforcement that we have devalued and underfunded for too long. We allow our state, our courts, our jails, our schools, and our hospitals to be exhausted by illegal immigrants in the name of being a "sanctuary" state.

Our prosecutors refuse to prosecute enough criminals. Our legislators refuse to stop the gangs & homelessness and the graffiti, trash, disease, and drugs that they bring. We legalize theft to certain amounts & refuse to deport criminal illegals that repeatedly break our laws.

These are the things making our communities unsafe. Criminals cycle through our system over and over again with no real consequences.

Also, Oregon "healthcare authorities" were so wrong and so oppressive regarding Covid that they have abused the public trust. They have yet to admit their failures and apologize to the public. There is no way Oregonians would want a new "public safety" state-wide authority.

Our legislators have allowed these public safety issues to increase and now want new authority to "fix" them.

Again, we already have the laws and resources to clean up our state & communities, what we need is the will to do it.

Please reject this legislation and instead empower our law enforcement & existing authorities to do their jobs. Thank you.