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Enshrining a new tax [in the Oregon Constitution], in addition to the many existing taxes, is a non-starter. Oregon is one of the highest taxed states in the country. I see that previous testimony on HJR 201 is 99% against it! The only support was from the legislator whose name is attached to the bill! We the people want proof that tax revenue the state already collects is being well spent. Instead we have seen evidence that much of it is being spent on unproven, feel-good programs that are not solving core problems. Adding another tax will only create more homelessness and force more businesses to close or leave the state. A proposal of this magnitude should be only considered in a full legislative session where there is plenty of time for ALL THE PEOPLE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD and the unintended consequences of this measure can be aired.