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The property values in the state of Oregon have skyrocketed out of control, impacting the property tax rates, the Oregon state income taxes are horribly inflated from city to county to state. Rents have become almost prohibitive to many perpetuating the homeless problem and many people are not able to afford or qualify for a home mortgage due to high interest rates and exorbitant closing costs and ridiculously high city and county filing fees. Many who are retired and/or those with a limited income cannot afford to stay in the state, are moving to states with lower property tax rates, lower home prices and affordable rent. Add to that, rising essential utility costs and other necessary services where prices have hit the roof and the cost of groceries have almost doubled. You tell me, why stay in Oregon? When the State thinks they can take over and regulate everything, we all know it will cost individuals even more and it is time to put up the For Sale sign and move somewhere that is not out of control. This is a ridiculously dangerous measure. Since when has the state government run anything well, let alone efficiently. The last thing needed is yet another state bureaucracy.