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Last year, 165,000 people left Oregon. We currently have a net negative population growth. Why? The state is becoming unlivable to the everyday citizen. Our taxes are extremely high, especially as one gets closer to the metro area. The quality of life has deteriorated. Yet, the state believes that the solution to this is to levy yet another tax that is not subject to current limitations. One of the goals of Oregon is to increase affordable housing. No landlord would take on the taxes associated with building. Not only that, but it creates barriers to housing for renters as well. Aren't we in a homeless crisis that leaders say is due to a lack of affordable housing? Public safety is important. Our state would go a long way to pursue alternative options such as increasing morale by publicly supporting police officers rather than increasing taxpayer costs associated with safety. New taxes are not the answer to the problems plaguing our state. I oppose this amendment.