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Hello,

When I read this bill, I asked myself. "Does the Oregon legislature and Governor view us tax payers as just piggy banks?" We are approaching a financial wall on the federal level and the tax payers across this country will be on the hook for it. The Oregon budget is in the same exact crisis and yet we need to raise taxes more, to pay for an additional governing body, so we can pay multiple six figure salaries to more government employees for a job that can be handled on the county and city level. Not only that, this government body will grow and continue to get fatter. Then the tax payers will be on the hook for paying these people a life time retirement well after they step down from this "safety administration"

Costs of everything is going up, us lowly piggy banks have to budget and we have to cut costs from somewhere to pay for something we want. Yet Salem, all they have to do is propose to increase taxes to pay for something rather than taking a hard look at the budget and the waste and cut costs there to pay for this new administrative body.

If we have to budget to deal with inflation while effectively having no increase in pay for many of us, Salem needs to be bound by the same rules. If Salem thinks this is really important then Salem should look to cut something else out first.

We can't afford it, we don't need it.