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During COVID we were offering former employees \$30 an hour to work for us. Their response was we make more on unemployment than that. Why should we work. This along with Executive Order 24-31 is destroying the construction community that works in rural areas. Why do we want to provide an incentive and subsidize unions to stop working? With this bill, unions can decide to give all their employees a 6 month vacation while they negotiate a new deal. This can destroy businesses. This is ripe for abuse. This stupid idea is going to do 3 things. 1. Drive up cost and wages on all products in the state. 2. Provide an incentive for all employers to move businesses out of state. 3. Give business in Portland a major incentive to move to Vancouver.

We are already seeing the effect of taxes on the rich in Portland with the homeless and head start tax. Large corporations like Hoffman Construction who has had a presence in Portland for 100 years moved to Lake Oswego to get out of the tax and the demographics for Portland show people with higher incomes are leaving the City while lower incomes are moving in. The tax the wealthy only is driving people out of Portland. Now you want to drive businesses out of the State? This is stupid.

We saw how the make all drugs policy worked in Portland before it was rescinded.