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I am in opposition of this measure. As a tax payer in Clackamas county and one who pays the current SHS (Metro version of this tax) and has seen the results of this tax; the approach to enable homelessness by putting the burden of paying for the brand new tents/needles/supplies/shelters is completely wrong. The plan will only put the burden on those hard earners and not entice but reward those to be homeless. Money won't solve the homeless problem. Look at the state's funding of schools which has been at an all time high yet graduation rates and test scores have been inversely related to the most dollars going towards education. The same has been for those plans in homelessness. This plan will steal money from those working to afford their own housing and as a result of the state's mismanagement of funds and rising cost of insurance/food/fuel will reduce their standard of living. Money will not solve the homelessness crisis. Holding people accountable will! Why do you think other states bus their homeless to Oregon. Because Oregon is the only state dumb enough to coddle the homeless with the funds of hard working tax payers. Also your plans always appeal to ALL voters yet your tax hits only those above a certain salary. You are literally stealing money from hard workers and giving those who vote for this a free pass as they aren't invested in the outcome.