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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3856

I strongly oppose HB 3856. The people of the State of Oregon are already inundated with rate hikes for utilities and price hikes for groceries and other essentials. Too many people are currently living on the streets because they cannot afford rent. This bill is an underhanded way of imposing additional income tax on people who are already struggling to meet the basic needs of themselves and their families, and doing it under the guise of funding ODFW is ridiculous. When does it stop? Unfortunately, the State of Oregon does not seem to be able to live within its budget and hasn't for many years now, and I understand that funding PERS is a major part of that, but the people of this state should not be penalized for it. I think our state representatives should be looking very hard at ways to decrease costs within the state budget instead of assessing another tax and reaching into the pockets of a public already weary of trying to make ends meet. This is what we, the public, are already doing, and this tax is just going to push those ends even further apart. Thank you for your consideration.