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When we enshrine funding for "news" and "journalism" into law, we end up building a propaganda system that fails in the press's basic duty to its readership to speak truth to power.

Already, the legislature promotes unnecessary and expensive public notice laws that are effectively subsidies for propaganda rags like the Portland Tribune and the Oregonian. "Reporters" at those "news" outlets will never truly expose the corruption of the Oregon Legislature and Governor's office because they know those public notice laws could be repealed at any time. Public Notices could easily be coordinated by county registrars and the internet.

This is more of the same - subsidizing propaganda outlets so they greenwash crony "climate" policies in Salem, cover up for the utter hypocrisy of Aimee Kotek, and fail to call out Measure 110 cronyism that lines the pockets of criminals like Shannon Isadore.