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Thank you chair, vice chair and members of the committee for allowing me to give testimony in opposition to SB243. We have watched this bill go from one big bill to a bunch of small bills and back to a big bill by design to confuse and discourage people from keeping up with this bill that does absolutely zero to curb suicide and you and the special interest groups that support many of you know it. In a time where incoming revenue has dropped dramatically and just the basic needs are almost impossible to cover the cost for you have turned your backs on Oregonians to face a special interest group from out of state. Two of you on this committee are representing a area of Eugene and your constituents are running a 23 million deficit and yet here we are trying to saddle Oregonians with a huge tax burden that will cost the individual counties \$500,000 each, with many of them already struggling to cover the cost of basic services. This bill didn't go to get a financial cost from DOC because you already know the cost is staggering and the state taxpayers can't afford it and don't have the money to give. With ODOT struggling to cover cost, Portland cutting police and firefighters, teachers getting laid off due to lack of funds, the Oregon health authority is \$126 million short of funds and food banks broke or shutdown how can you pushing this bill turn your backs on the voters in support for special interest groups. Senator Prozanski I listen to you tell another fellow senator to take it like a man, well isn't it about time for you to do the same thing and take it like a man and do the right thing for the state and it's voter's and shut this bill down and focus more on what the state needs and not your personal legacy.