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To borrow a phrase from yesteryear: Where's the beef? I was born here and raised in rural surroundings, where common sense is not only a way of life, but it's also required for survival. I'm a combat veteran who spent 22 years defending this country. Ever since I hung up my uniform and returned to my home state, not a day goes by that I don't shake my head at the non-stop priority misalignment coming out of Salem. The Democrats' supermajority and their leadership in this state's legislature are like chameleons and seem to be in a continual race to see how fast they can emulate California's woke progressive, over-taxed society. Currently, California has the fourth-highest overall tax burden in the nation. Oregon comes in at number twenty. If HB 2025 passes, it is sure to close that gap. I don't know the answer, but the average citizen can see something's not working when they see the same vehicle-damaged state highway offramp guardrail coned off for months and must continually dodge the same unrepaired potholes. This state has a love affair with its homeless and illegal aliens. The sooner that ends, and the billions of dollars a year that are spent taking care of those two factions are redirected to other areas at no additional cost to the taxpayer, the better off we'll be.