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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES HB 3970
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I OPPOSE [HB 3970 A]. *** Oregon is in dire financial straits and needs to end funding the "Welfare State."

*** "The Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon" should have known or did 'know' the piss-poor shape of ODOT's budget and 'fixed the problem' well before the end of the, "...Eighty-third Legislative Assembly is adjourned sine die." However, you did not do so. All of you tried to do is to screw the sleepy taxpayers by hastily pushing through [HB 2025 (2025)] as you gasped your "...Eighty-third Legislative Assembly is adjourned sine die..." last breath.

*** You can easily reallocate budgeted money from the Housing and Community Services Department's bloated budget to the Oregon Department of Transportation's budget without screwing the Taxpayers to cough-up money for Roads and Bridges maintenance.

From the TEXT of [HB 3970 A], "...SECTION 1. ORS 458.650 is amended to read: 458.650.

(1) The Housing and Community Services Department shall administer the Emergency Housing Account to assist homeless individuals and individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless, through means including the emergency housing assistance program and the state homeless assistance program..."

"... (3) The policy under subsection (2) of this section shall direct that program funds shall be used:

(a) To provide to low and very low income individuals, including but not limited to individuals more than 65 years of age, persons with disabilities, agricultural workers and Native Americans:

(A) Emergency shelters and attendant services;

(B) Transitional housing services designed to assist individuals to make the transition from homelessness to permanent housing and economic independence;

(C) Supportive housing services to enable individuals to continue living in their own homes or to provide in-home services for such individuals for whom suitable programs do not exist in their geographic area;

(D) Programs that provide emergency payment of home payments, rents or utilities; (E) Support for individuals with companion animals, as defined in ORS 401.977, that includes:

(i) Food for both companion animals and their owners;

(ii) Crates or kennels on-site or off-site that are easily accessible to the companion animal owners;

(iii) Basic veterinary services, including behavioral services; and

(iv) Rules of conduct and responsibility regarding companion animals and their owners; or

(F) Some or all of the services or assistance described in subparagraphs (A) to (E) of this paragraph..."

*** Oregon cannot afford all aspects of [HB 3970 A].

*** Oregon cannot pay for ODOT's construction projects without burdensome and oppressive tax hikes and yet, "The Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon" is considering [HB 3970 A] the latest outrageous addition to the burgeoning, bloated Oregonian Welfare State?

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "[HB 3970 A] appears to be gross fraudulent misuse of taxpayer monies masquerading as intent to help the Homeless children of this state."