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I moved to Oregon from South Carolina ten years ago. My family and I love Bend as well as the rest of Oregon. The beauty of this state and our fellow Oregonians is extraordinary. However, my wife and I are planning on leaving Oregon once my children are off to college. I can't imagine finding a place that we love as much as Bend, but taxes and bureaucracy make it financially unsustainable to stay here more than a handful of years more. It breaks my heart, but the incredible tax burden makes it unsustainable for the long term. I love this place more than anywhere I've lived, but we'll have so much more financial breathing room in a state that doesn't hammer families and small business owners as much as this state does.