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To: House Committee on Housing; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2004]...A never ending saga of waste and the foundation for more, "free benefits" giveaways.

[HB 2004] is another waste of taxpayer money. You should already have the data and all the ancillary information you need.

It is safe to say, and unfortunately so, Homelessness has been around for a while.

The "**Text: Page 1 at (4-7)**]" states, " SECTION 1. The Housing and Community Services Department shall study issues related to housing and present the results of the study in a report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2022."

C'mon what have you been doing with yourselves?

If you really need to fund this study, you have a severe management problem with the accursed Housing and Community Development Department (a Department I suggest you defund).

The Housing and Community Development Department should have, in real time, all of the homeless data you need.

Those responsible in the Housing and Community Development Department for not having the required data should simply lose their jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

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