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This is the worst idea I have ever heard of in my entire life. First, Oregon citizens have continuously made it known that they don't want a sales tax. Second, why do we need ANOTHER tax when we had a multi million dollar surplus last year? Third, a program where money is just handed out with zero accountability is such a terrible idea because it will only enable people to remain in their current situation without making an actual effort to get out of it. Fourth, three years is way too long. If you want to help low income folks, why not fund more outreach programs? More programs that establish stability rather than keeping people on welfare. And if the goal is really to help people, why give them cash that they can use with zero accountability? If a program like this were going to be established, the money should go towards rent, or utilities, or job entry and stabilization programs. But indiscriminately giving people money isn't going to help them its just going to keep them in the same place they started.