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I have much compassion for low income families and individuals. I have friends and family members in this category. I myself am currently in this category. If government handouts solved the problem of poverty, it would have been solved long ago. They don't. It is common knowledge that government handouts only perpetuate and exacerbate poverty, rather than helping lift people out of poverty.

As the Oregon Health Authority's budget over two years is \$29 Billion, that is more than enough money to develop, implement, and support education and training programs that will help lift people out of poverty, which will improve the health of all Oregonians and strengthen the economy. Oregon does not need to and must not take any more of its citizens' money through taxation.

One of the reasons people enjoy living in and visiting Oregon is because of the absence of sales tax. Implementing one sales tax will only lead to more, and it will continue to drive residents and visitors away from Oregon, especially when they know that that sales tax is helping perpetuate poverty. I call on this house committee to kill hb 4079.