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Portland's downtown has been irrevocably changed since Covid-19, the sooner everyone understands that office workers will not be returning to pre-pandemic levels the sooner we can get to building up downtrodden areas. Converting office buildings into real, truly affordable housing will revitalize downtown into a place people actually want to be, it's a perfectly walkable area with zero draw currently. More residents will increase ridership on mass transit and dollars spent at nearby businesses. The more people out walking, cycling, etc. will mean safer streets, which will bring tourist dollars. HB 2984 is sorely needed, thank you.