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I cannot stress how strongly I oppose this bill. The fact it was proposed in the first place shows how horrifically daft the democrats of Oregon truly are.

Let's count the ways this bill shows utter contempt for all Oregonians:

1. Giving untreated addicts money is a death sentence. Drugs are not criminal, now they're free. You may want to add crematorium costs into this analysis.
2. Giving people an incentive not to be productive members of society does just that - it gives no incentive to find a meaningful life. It hinders and handicaps people.
3. It attracts more homeless, who are already flooding into Oregon because Measure 110 made us a homeless oasis. Give them free drugs too? Oregon is going to be heaven for a drug addict.
4. It forces hard working Oregon taxpayers to pay for the lifestyle of people who will, again, have no incentive to change.
5. This will exacerbate currently unacceptable and unsustainable homeless AND drug problem.
6. It doesn't recriminalize other crimes. If you give someone \$1,000 a month, you BETTER start arresting, prosecuting, and jailing that person if/when they commit theft, vandalism, burglary, etc. You cannot give out carrots with no stick. You're actively trying to turn Portland into MORE of a wasteland.

This measure is completely asinine. If I were to add 1 thing to this bill, (though I still would not support it) it would be to require addicts to complete 6-12 months of recovery and or psychological evaluations before accessing these funds. And continuing supervision of how money is spent, drug testing and an absolute right for a social worker/case manager to cut off funding. Giving addicts unlimited funds is asking for them to play Russian roulette with 5 of 6 rounds in a revolver. It's so exceedingly dangerous. if passed, this will lead to increased deaths.

And for non-addicted homeless (the 10% or so who aren't addicted) need BOTH financial and psychological counseling before ever touching a cent. A case worker needs to be responsible for how TAXPAYER money is being spent and have the absolute right to cut off money being spent in an irresponsible way. Accountability is ESSENTIAL to even come close to supporting this atrocity.