

Submitter: Elaine Woods
Committee: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on
Transportation and Economic Development
Measure: HB 5019

[Co-Chair Senator Aaron Woods](#), [Co-Chair Representative Gomberg](#), and Members of this Committee,

I writing to express to you my absolute opposition, shock and outrage at HB 5019 and its being given a hearing and work session. This is simply unacceptable for you to write yourselves a blank check, with the amount to be spent left blank, with no information available to the voters who will be footing the bill. Not only that, but what it will be spent for is also blank, giving you the opportunity to do anything you want with absolutely no accountability until you drain the Oregon coffers dry.

Although these blanks exist for the citizens of Oregon, apparently Housing Oregon, Impact NW, and the mayor of Salem have been informed, as they are lining up for \$155 million, with an additional \$27.4 million mentioned by Housing Oregon as also being available, for a total of \$182.5 million.

If these are the only expenses that are being hidden from the public, why are the blanks not filled in? Are there more expenses to drive Oregon in bankruptcy? One could almost believe that you must want to drive us all into bankruptcy. Regular people have to watch their expenses carefully and budget for their needs. Our elected legislators should do the same and not count on declarations of emergency to bail them out.

You should be aware that the public is watching, and aware of your votes, especially at a time when people are being impacted by rising taxes and inflation. You will be held accountable by the voters of this state.

Please **vote NO** on HB 5019.

Sincerely,

Elaine Woods