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I strenuously oppose the legislative attempt to subvert the protections of our state Constitution by not only requiring a nebulous "public safety" department, but baking its funds into an unrestricted and arbitrary way of taxation which will not only put a significant and undue burden on the population of Oregon state, but even further impact those communities that are marginalized financially and otherwise. If the state wishes a new organization, it may propose one through formation via the legislature and fund it appropriately with existing revenue streams. This will force legislature to clearly articulate the scope and guardrails of such an organization without trying to sneak it into a voter pamphlet with little clarity and the risk of adverse additional financial burden to the citizenry.

If you move this forward and it fails in vote, I hope the legislators who move it forward do the respectable thing and resign their positions. To that, any legislator putting this forward as a good idea should perform some serious self-reflection and resign anyway.