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I am firmly opposed to this legislation. Oregon already ranks 40th for individual tax burden according to Tax Foundation data with an effective rate of 11.1% and 21st and 24th when it comes to property tax metrics with per capita property tax collections at \$1,730 (<https://taxfoundation.org/location/oregon/>). Oregon also has the 9th highest median home price at \$502,000 (<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/mortgages/real-estate/median-home-prices-by-state/>). Adding additional taxes will only serve to further burden Oregon families and put additional pressure on prospective home buyers and current home owners. This is the wrong move when Oregon is already facing a serious housing crisis due to decades of failed policies. Public safety is addressed most effectively by starting at the local level which means leaving it in the hands of local communities and governments to best discern how to provide for public safety. Oregon has also been declining in population as people leave for areas that are both more affordable and safer. There are deeper issues in Oregon that need to be addressed to change the state's trajectory, a statewide property tax that is very vaguely defined is sprinting in the wrong direction.