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As a disabled Oregonian homeowner this would directly affect me in a negative way. Currently, my housing costs are fixed, and just barely affordable on my SSI after utilities and other necessary monthly expenses. Allowing the state to force me, a rural Oregon resident, to subsidize Portland's needs is unfair and unwarranted. Especially given how minimally state funds are often provided to our local rural communities compared to the metro areas up north.

As it is, I can barely afford my locally leveraged property taxes which cover local schools, public safety, and other community needs based on local levies. Especially given they nearly doubled this last year.

This money grab looks especially awful to the rural citizens of this state, who often benefit the least from state managed tax funds, as they are typically apportioned in higher amounts to the bigger cities. Rural citizens and communities shouldn't be on the hook to bail out the costs of Portland and other metro areas in the state which already have higher populations and property values that should be able to support themselves.

Please vote NO to this egregious cash grab from some of the states most vulnerable citizens.