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I OPPOSE NEW PROPERTY TAXES TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY. FIRST, OREGON IS GIVING TAX MONEY BACK, SO THERE IS PLENTY TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY. SECOND, TAXATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IS OVERLY BROAD AND IS RIPE FOR ABUSE BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY, WHICH ITSELF WILL NO DOUBT BE BIASED TOWARD ONE SIDE OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THIRD, I AM CONCERNED THAT "PUBLIC SAFETY" WILL BE TOO BROADLY DEFINED AND ANY MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO FAVORED SOCIAL PROGRAMS, NOT TO POLICE OR FIRE DEPARTMENTS.