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Enough with the disincentives for wage-earners and property owners to live in Oregon. "Funding public safety" sounds like something law-abiding citizens would vote for, but this is merely an unbridled funding source with no guarantee of improving the public's safety. If this proposed constitutional amendment is referred to the voters, it will increase Oregon's already alarming pace of net population loss of career-minded families, even if the ballot measure fails. Just attempting to siphon more funding for another "administrative authority" shows Oregon families, who work very hard and faithfully pay taxes, that you don't have their best interests in mind. The US Census reported an unprecedented net population loss of 33,000 Oregonians in 2022, spanning all age groups, but especially among 35-55 year olds and children. Their IRAs and salaries will continue to transfer to other states if Oregon keeps enacting policies and programs that encourage irresponsibility, especially drug use/abuse, which leads to child neglect, domestic violence, homelessness, mental illness, sexual assault, homicide, and suicide. Oregon legislators need to acknowledge that their recent policy-making trends are chasing away productive, hard-working, creative, peaceful, compassionate earners who privately help people in need without relying on the government to be "charitable" on their behalf. If your goal is to have a state full of hurting, trauma-impacted people primarily relying on government programs, controlled by unelected, entrenched administrative authorities, then you are well on your way to achieving it. But it's not a sustainable model because there won't be enough wage-earners, tourists or natural resources to keep funding the administrative authorities' programs and salaries in the long run. If the legislature wants to improve public safety, stop making policies that empower criminals while discouraging productivity and investment in the private sector.