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I strongly oppose this bill in many ways.

The establishment of a state Public Safety division will just create another bureaucratic wing of state government. I've read the "reason" is to resolve the crime issues of the cities in Oregon. The rural areas have seen some upticks in crime, but nothing like the crazy crime rates in these cities around Portland. So, solving Portland's crime issue is the main driver I suspect, other than paying for the failing Oregon PERS system.

So, it ends up that the rural parts of Oregon pay for the self-inflicted problems of Portland and Eugene and Salem. The defunding of police, the "legalization" of drugs, the no bail and no prosecute policies, which encourage criminal behavior, the allowance of illegal camping in our front yards and public spaces, the sanctuary status encouraging illegals to come.

We are taxed and fined, and pay fees non-stop it seems. I don't see anything for my money except more politicians demanding more money.

Oregonians opposed increases in property taxes over and over. Now Oregon politicians want a new statewide property tax that is limitless. This is the opposite of what Oregon wants.

The state has a very poor past in spending money wisely. The Safety Bureau will become a way for the Sate to mandate anything and everything in the name of SAFETY.

Believe me, WE THE PEOPLE, can take care of our own safety, way better than, Salem politicians can. We don't need to want Salem telling us how to live.

If solving city crime is the main problem, simply enforce illegal camping laws, repeal the decriminalization of drugs, start enforcing laws and jailing offenders, hire more police to protect the good people. Or basically, undo what you have done in Oregon's cities. Portland is ruined for decades now; and this or any new tax will not fix that.

I have seen many successful people sell everything and leave Oregon, and one main reason is high taxes. If you want us to leave, that part is working, and it will be accelerated by adding a new statewide property tax.

Have some guts and oppose this bill!