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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3644

I am in opposition to HB3644 for the following reasons:

1. this measure will cost an estimated \$217,918,652 of taxpayer monies that Oregonians simply do not have to service an unknow number of vagrant homeless.
2. This creates a large government body to oversee this permanent government. This increase the number of government jobs feeding into NGO's who distribute the funds to the homeless. The percentage that reaches the homeless will be relatively low with state salaries & PERS taking a huge chunk.
3. Where is the transparency & public review of how funds are spent? We still lack this with BILLIONS spent by the patristical METRO tax. Multnomah county is the worst offender with little or no information & no plausible definition of success.
4. This bill continues the enabling of homeless vagrant drug addicts who relocated here because of lax legal enforcement & government tolerance. These vagrants need "tough love" & rehab.
5. NGO's have become parasites on Oregon's economy & need to be discouraged & not funded.
6. Tax money is needed elsewhere for infrastructure. We don't need to grow NGO's & state employees while private industry is being reduced. Your tax base is reducing because of oppressive taxes that benefit only NGO administrator with generous salaries. Stop enabling the vagrants.