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Oregon, and Portland especially, is already rife with unaccounted for funding for homeless services and there are more homeless on the street and few people ever housed year after year. Wanting more money and resources for this while livability plummets, school ratings are terrible, businesses are leaving and Oregon is one of the highest taxed states in the country is quite frankly insane. Oregon is one of the most liberal, progressive states in America and has been for some time so when can we expect all these policies and all this money coming in over the years to kick in to help actually relieve the issue? I live in downtown Portland and see the problems Oregon has first hand; we do not need yet another "task force", "organization", "department", or any other government run service to dole out more of our tax dollars to bloated NGOs that aren't actually interested in getting people off the streets. Look at a local example like Multnomah County and the City of Portland, Multnomah County is in a budget shortfall, yet they allocate money to pay for tents and tarps while the City then has to allocate money/resources to clean up said tents and trash left behind, people are shuffled to another block, then the cycle repeats. Now expand that process to the entire city. Oregon will continue to suffer from what it will allow - I absolutely oppose this bill.