

Good morning, Chair Dexter and all members of the Housing and Homelessness Committee:

Addressing the root cause of homelessness, WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE DESTROYED JOBS that actually paid for living under shelter in Oregon??

Government is not a solution; over-regulation and commensurate taxation by the public sector parasite *IS* the problem. Seeing that the Committee for Housing and Homelessness is toying with the insanity of allocating hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to cover and conceal this abysmal economic symptom is childishly myopic. Where are the adults on this committee, those who understand root-cause analysis?!

- **It takes jobs to pay for housing.** Simple math shows that this is the way it's always been, but this axiom is how Oregon has arrived at the so-called "Homelessness Emergency." Governor KB/TK thinks that they can magically swoop in and demand that tons of private sector money be dropped from Salem proverbial helicopter via unconstitutional 'executive' allocations, but the executive branch is sorely mistaken. Firstly, it's not her money to spend; transferring wealth from those who barely meet monthly expenses to those who - thanks to **Senate Bill 100** and its reckless derivatives (i.e. DLCD, et al.) - impedes the same employment opportunities that were filled when Natural Resources and Manufacturing jobs in Oregon were plentiful. In a nutshell, over-regulations have destroyed the need to retain skilled workers in an economy that has (thanks to the neoEnviro lawyers) rapidly evaporated resource-based careers. The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) issued a study in 2019 on 'employment multipliers' that are specific to the U.S. economy:
<https://www.epi.org/publication/updated-employment-multipliers-for-the-u-s-economy/>
- **No amount of taxpayer funded subsidies can possibly address Oregon's root causes of homelessness,** so it would be (and is) insane to even go in that direction. Gov. TK has driven Oregon over the economic cliff by attempting to conceal the symptoms without genuinely taking a root-cause approach. In about six (6) weeks, her monetary train wreck has taken Oregonians off the fiscal cliff in record time. Please do everything possible to stop this insanity as having an outer shell of 'compassion' by Voting NO on HB 2001.
- **The solution is in Oregon's failed and further failing economy!** Why can't the root causes be visible to Democrats whose neoEnviro policies have clearly caused Oregon's economic demise, which continues to devolve to this day over the many decades? So sad, so preventable, and so frustrating.

Clearly this or any other state in the nation cannot exist long-term on just a derivative (parasitic), service-based economy. All sustainable economies are built on the backs of strong resource-based industries. Each of you must know this, so doing everything within your spheres of influence to mitigate poverty, homelessness, and commensurate mental health symptoms during the slow death of Oregon's resource-based economy will be most productive when addressing the homelessness "emergency," which has been designed by Socialist legislators in Salem. We will continue to monitor this committee and arguments on the floor as the state's root causes of homelessness are addressed, not just Oregon's sad symptoms of 'their' well-meaning forms of Socialism, which always ends very badly as evidenced by the historic record.

Your opposition to all versions of HB 2001 and efforts to restore Oregon's resource-based economy will be most productive and, therefore, greatly appreciated. A vote of 'no' on HB 2001 in its entirety is needed for Oregon to survive economically.

Thank you.