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“HB 4213A codifies Governor Brown’s executive order on commercial and residential rents etc. The Oregon Supreme Court ruled the Governor’s existing and future executive orders have the effect of law. The Governor can and has acted unilaterally. For better or worse, this power does allow the Governor to react to changing situations. HB 4213A does not require the tenants to be in a crisis, impacted by Covid-19, or means tested in any manner. The Floor rhetoric the bill was about homelessness, or nobody would lose any money, or the constitution would protect any contractual obligations is simply false. LC has issued an opinion the Governor’s executive orders can breach contractual obligations. Appears the Oregon Supreme Court supports this in it’s rulings. Nor does the Governor have to follow HB 4213A in any manner what-so-ever. Plus the impact on the court filings for debt recovery was never considered. Creating a loan program with federal grant funds to help tenants in need should have been done instead of this bill. The Legislature should not get involved in the middle of the Governor’s executive orders unless willing to repeal those orders. The Governor has the power thus should be liable herself for fixing this crisis she created. Voted No.”