

HB 5019 and HB 2001 (which were presented as a package) are allegedly the #1 priority of the legislative majority yet it spends less on homelessness than corporate semiconductors. The majority Democrats were joined by big government Republicans to pass this supposed priority. We will spend a minimum of \$210 million out of a Governor's budget of \$166 billion, yet, much less is devoted in these bills. How is this the priority? With \$240 billion in resources per the Governor we can do better. The title "Establishes Oregon Housing Needs Analysis" yet the State can define the number of employ units on the State in the Senate Revenue Committee. The bill creates dozens and dozens of new government and non-profit jobs. Though in reality there is nothing new. Cities asked for direct funding to help homeless yet that was refused. The bill does not construct new homes. The bill does not reduce the government regulation blocking construction. The bill does not resolve mental health care shortages, OHA continues to block the construction of new mental health beds in Oregon. The State is tossing affordable housing off the rolls rather than extend low cost units to citizens. The bill empowers LCDC to allegedly help the same housing crisis it helped create. Hypocrisy at its best. Then the bill gives the Governor emergency powers already in law. Why? Funding should be direct to the cities and locales that need resources not more bureaucracy.