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## One wrong step

*Public defenders back a move in Salem to end what they say are exorbitant criminal charges on excluded TriMet riders*

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**"(It) can build up to where you are so far in debt that there is no way for you to even try to get out of it, and you have a long record of Class A misdemeanors, which doesn't help you at all, either."**

— REP. LEW FREDERICK  
D-PORTLAND

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