

I oppose SJR 12; do not amend the Oregon Constitution or present to voters for approval. Oregon cannot afford to sustain a program for a guarantee of health insurance for all. OHA/OHP budgets are already on an upward projectile of tax revenue spending costs due to Covid-19. It's all our hope that the next federal stimulus Oregon can recoup the tax dollars already appropriated for coronavirus. Affordable Care Act is currently active and will be until May 15, 2021. Navigating the Affordable Care Act is another issue where state advocacy would help those not familiar or experienced with purchasing their own health insurance. Oregon has Statutes for the uninsured, OHP, Medicaid, and Medicare. Additionally, 501(c)(3) Medical facilities that pay zero property or federal/state income tax if approved by the Department of Treasury-IRS and must communicate and have a financial assistance program under Oregon law. If an Oregonian is approved under this program through a 501(c)(3) Medical facility generally it is for a six month period. If a medical facility does not pay any tax whatsoever to the government it was determined by the legislature that these organizations should give back to the community, not hold millions of dollars for capital improvement funds (buildings, equipment, ...) that could otherwise be distributed in rendering medical services to those qualifying under income based billing according to ORS 442.610, 442.614 and other legislation.

Another possibility is a tax on insurance carriers doing business in this state. Corporate taxation in Oregon is less than two percent of income tax revenue, whereas personal income tax is 88 percent of income tax revenue according to Governor Brown proposed budget for the 2021-2023 biennium.

#### OVERALL TAX BURDEN BY STATE

Overall Rank (1=Highest)	State	Total Tax Burden (%)	Property Tax Burden (%)	Individual Income Tax Burden (%)	Total Sales & Excise Tax Burden
30th of 50	Oregon	8.25%	3.11% (19th)	4.05% (2nd)	1.09% (50th)

[2019's Tax Burden By State - ADVISOR Magazine \(lifehealth.com\)](http://lifehealth.com)

#### HERE IS THE TAX BURDEN ON THE BOTTOM 20% IN EVERY STATE

Oregon

**Average income of the bottom 20%:** \$14,622

**Single filers:**

**Total income taxes paid:** \$2,185

**Tax burden:** 14.94%

**Married couples filing jointly:**

**Total income taxes paid:** \$1,676

**Tax burden:** 11.46%

[Here Is the Tax Burden on the Bottom 20% in Every State \(msn.com\)](http://msn.com)