

I oppose HJR 13; this is not the time to change the property tax structure in Oregon. What are you all thinking? Were in the middle of a global pandemic, economic stability for business and person is at the precipitance of crumbling or already crumbled. Some Oregonians are worried about basic needs – housing – food – transportation, day-in and day-out thoughts and worries of providing for themselves and family.

I will continue to support Measure Five (5) property tax limitations, counties have adjusted to spending within limits passed by voters. People of this state should not be held prisoner to taxing authorities, citizens work hard just to survive, the American Dream, what's that [?], has disappeared for low and middle income citizens as it is.

The minimum wage in this State and Nation is shameful. Could you the legislative assembly members or your support staff employees live on an Oregon minimum wage of **\$24,960** or a bit more for Metro Portland **\$29,120** per year (effective 7/21).

Statistic average for rent or mortgage is approximately 35% of gross income would allow personal budget for housing costs allowance of **\$728** and **\$849** in turn under Oregon minimum wage.

The median monthly gross residential rent in Oregon was **\$1,185** in 2019 according to the Census ACS survey.¹ Legislative Assembly wonders why we have homeless, people living in dilapidated and/or possibly uninhabitable structures, when the simple math is a shortfall in the affordability of rent **-\$336 to -\$457**. Oregon Population in Poverty 11.8% and would surmise Poverty if all basic expenses of a locality, rent/mortgage – food – transportation were considered the Poverty rate in Oregon would be abundantly higher.

Does a property tax increase improve this disparity for low to middle income citizens, heck no, housing expense costs will increase.

HJR 13 does not have a Revenue Impact Statement, Fiscal Impact Statement, Budget Report and/or Staff Measure Summary. HJR is poorly and confusedly written, legislative assembly reasoning for the circular complexity of language and percentage equations in this Bill?

Do not spend State Revenue and Resources on presenting HJR 13 to the people in the next general election.

¹ [Residential Rent Statistics for Oregon | Department of Numbers \(deptofnumbers.com\)](https://www.deptofnumbers.com/residential-rent-statistics-for-oregon)