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Poorly thought out, dollar amounts do not correlate (@least \$500,000 per county = \$18,000,000,000). Not \$15,000,000,000 x 4 = \$60,000,000,000. Legislature must be out of their minds to think that unlawful grows and distribution of marijuana/cannabis which is legal for human consumption in this state would entice citizens to agree to spend \$60,000,000,000 a year to combat the illegality of unlicensed operations. Especially when the state destroys the confiscated goods when in other cases of confiscation at least law enforcement attempt to recoup the funds for the costs of the government entity expenses for seizure or turn the recovered proceeds over to the victim. The victim should include the real property owner(s) where the illegal greenhouse builds and grow/distribution is upon their property without authorization.

Moreover, if the authority over cannabis/marijuana grows and distribution were not already on the tax rolls of the Oregon Revenue Department, would the legislature really be requesting its citizens for these funds from state general revenue fund, and in turn, increase county and state police agency employment and resources these officers would need to perform their functions.

I do not support increasing the ratio of county and/or state police to fund additional tax dollars for officers, real or personnel equipment no matter where the revenue is generated for drug enforcement when cannabis/marijuana is no longer a listed as an illicit drug in Oregon. SB 1541 doesn't pass the smell test whatsoever, and if adopted will become a runaway train of increased police expenses with no way to pull back the expenditure.

This Bill is nothing more than a warranty and guarantee to the collection of finite tax revenue generated by the very profitable marijuana/cannabis tax to the detriment of taxing schemes to increase police presence in our state. I absolutely oppose SB 1541.