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**PORTLAND, OREGON**

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To: House Revenue Committee

From: City of Portland

Date: January 24, 2023

RE: Opposition to HB 2088

Chair Nathanson & Members of the House Revenue Committee,

While county departments of assessment and taxation need resources to collect property taxes across Oregon, House Bill 2088 is not the appropriate solution.

If enacted, HB 2088 would lead to an estimated \$16.6 million revenue loss from the City of Portland's General and other funds. This would also come at a time when cities are already facing budget gaps while also needing to expand services to help address impacts of the housing crisis and bolster and sustain recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

These reductions are not sustainable for Portland and other Oregon cities and would force wide ranging cuts to key services such as police, fire protection and parks. We urge you to vote no on House Bill 2088.

Sincerely,

Ted Wheeler  
Mayor