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HB 2166 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LAND USE,  
NATURAL RESOURCES, AND WATER

Legislators, please tell Oregon taxpayers why the 2023 legislature is funding a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) for \$1.7M of taxpayers revenue to the Charleston Merchants Association, NPO of Charleston, Oregon. For community development? Oregon Legislators learned well from DC. Take from the working taxpayer and enrich the wealthy or make sure your nepotism for NPO directors and staff meets the campaign goals and promises?

What is the supposed community development for a property purchase by Oregon taxpayers for NPO Charleston Merchants Association?

Is HB 2166 objective to remove those already housed residents that occupy these two properties? Exactly where are these residents going to move that is as reasonable in rent as their current living arrangements?

Why, it is not aesthetically pleasing to the well to do residents and visitors? Or these two properties are trouble spots within the Charleston, Oregon town?

All of coastal Oregon is short of residential and seasonal housing, and both properties listed below are with 0.04 miles of the Marina and in close proximity of other tourist destinations, why would the legislature reduce housing units count?

Merchants Association, brings to mind, these properties that house quite a few people will be turned into retail spaces and the NPO will lease, and the profits of the NPO will be used tax free by the NPO to directors and staff of the Merchants Association paying these NPO employees a high five or six figure salary's.

The generosity of the legislature with the taxpayer revenue that Salem should spend wisely! This is not a wise investment for Oregon taxpayers considering the information given in HB 2166.

See listed properties below and as written HB 2166 indicates that both these businesses are already commercial properties. Commercial properties that pay income and property tax, why would the legislature take these two properties out of the county and state taxing revenue stream?

HB 2166 has enormous amount of unknowns and not a dang one was addressed in the introduction of this Bill.

HB 2166 IN PART: Organization described in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, for the purchase of the following properties for the purpose of community development:

- (1) Seaport RV Park, 63300 Boat Basin Road, Charleston, Oregon, 97420; and
- (2) Huckleberry Hill Mobile and RV Park, 91047 Cape Arago Highway, Coos Bay, Oregon, 97420