

Submitter: Kurt Schatz
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Dear Committee Members,

As a life long resident of this state I can certainly remember the measures of the past that were voted on and put in place in an attempt to establish affordable taxes and provide checks and balances. We are already, as residents of the state of Oregon paying exorbitant taxes on state and local levels. The ability to afford to live in this state is declining and that is reflective in the population numbers as this state used to be a state of choice to relocate. The next generation will seek to leave this beautiful state for more affordable options as is seen across the nation.

I urge you to work with the abundant income streams you have at the state level. HJR 201 is unnecessary for the sake of public safety and its funding, those funds can be adjusted and increased in the budget process if that's what your true intent is. In addition, a constitutional change should be referred to the voters of this state and should not be altered in a legislative process.

I sincerely hope you take in to consideration the difficult time the citizens of this state are experiencing to afford to live and raise families in the state of Oregon and not move 201 out of committee.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Kurt Schatz