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Measure: HJR201

I oppose HJR 201. Simply put, it continues to add taxes to those who can least afford it. And, it does not fall under the purview of measure 5, so it would allow the legislature to essentially "double tax" our properties. All the while allowing the legislature to change/increase at a whim. We are seeing a 5B dollar kicker, which simply means that our elected and appointed officials need to do a much better job of handling taxes as it is.

Should this tax go thru, it will absolutely destroy all of Oregon. Few will be able to afford their homes and property taxes. If we think housing is bad now, no amount of "new homes" will do, as no one will be able to afford to live or rent.

Here's a thought, remove the personal income tax, and put in a reasonable statewide sales tax. Funding would now be much more intelligent and manageable, and all Oregonians and visitors would pay their fair share.