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NO ON HJR 201 - NO STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

Oregonians are suffering from rising costs and many struggle to live within a very strict budget. Uncapped increases in property taxes, whether on own property or through rent increases, is an unrealistic burden to ask your constituents to bear.

Raising property taxes will not further the mission of providing more affordable housing.

Higher taxes will not entice higher earners into Oregon, rather drive out those able to make a move to another state. See California.

Adding another agency to administer this new tax only adds to the State's financial burden by increasing employee costs (salary, benefits, PERS obligations).

Suspect having the State administer the funds, rather than local municipalities, means issues important to each community will not be addressed efficiently.

I don't believe people mind paying taxes IF they feel the government is managing their money well i.e. providing safe communities, schools that produce employable youth, encourage productive economies, and acknowledge where improvements can be made. That is not the case in Oregon today.

Oregon legislators should be looking to most effectively manage the money already collected from Oregonians before imposing another sweeping tax burden.