

Submitter: Heather Gray  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HB4075

Dear legislators, I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ.

This is a hideous proposal.

We already pay too high of property taxes, as well as other state and local fees for government services. The poor, disabled, and elderly are especially at risk of losing their homes.

Quotes from people about the possibility of raising property taxes:

“I am 87 years old, partially blind and I live on Social Security. A property tax increase is the last thing I need. Have a heart, for God’s sake.”

Richard B.  
NE Portland

“I’m an unemployed single father of many children. I’m currently struggling to meet monthly family expenses. We have to keep the heat at 62 degrees in the home to avoid high utility bills. An increase in property tax would be disastrous.”

Martin W.  
Independence, Oregon

“Taxing me more takes away from my ability to meet my financial obligations when I’m now trying to pay for medical costs for my wife’s cancer. “

Mike H.  
Clackamas

“We the people can’t pay our tax bills now, due to heavy taxation in all directions. At least leave our homes alone that we’ve worked so hard to keep as our very own! The retired & elderly would lose their homes and I am one of those elderly.”

Elaine D.,  
Grants Pass

“I’ve seen increases in everything, food, prescriptions, gas has doubled, property taxes, etc! My pension stays the same and every year its gets tougher to make ends meet and our Legislature wants to raise our property taxes — the politicians are robbing us and they do not even have a gun!”

Erich B,  
Florence

Rather than looking for more money from us, your focus should be on limiting and reducing government spending!

The voters of Oregon have previously spoken loud and clear about raising taxes, and the Legislature needs to acknowledge and honor our position.

Furthermore, it is completely unreasonable for the legislature to amend the Constitution without a vote of the people! This bill needs to die!