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Are you serious? We already pay excessive property taxes at the county and city levels. Seniors get no relief, unlike in other states (e.g. Idaho, with a 50% homestead exemption). Every attempt to provide relief for seniors has been met with disdain, with Democrats always making sure that the coffers are full. As I recall, there was recently an effort to freeze property taxes for seniors, but this was roundly defeated by the Democrat Legislature. A statewide and potentially unlimited property tax would simply allow the Legislature to extort more and more money from seniors and landlords - yes, landlords will be encouraged to increase rents to the maximum allowable limit to protect themselves from the excesses of this greedy and out of control Legislature, and renters are already getting the short end of the stick. Give us a break. Fewer taxes, not more taxes. Do your jobs and make Oregon a decent and friendly place to live. As it is, my family is likely to move out of this tax-heavy state in the near future, and a statewide property tax might just be the straw that breaks the camel's back.