

To those committee members considering HJR 201.

I oppose this bill due to the removal of control from local county and city governments regarding property tax implementation. This bill would also appear to circumvent or invalidate measure 50 which limits property assessed values to less than real property market values. (Section 11 article XI of the Oregon constitution).

This would also allow for an increase without limit to small business properties including both real and personal property to include business supplies as well as other tools required to operate a small business.

My wife and I are retired and living on fixed incomes now. We both operate small businesses to supplement that income to ward off some of the outrageous inflation over the past few years. We live outside of the major metropolitan areas due to the poor business practices of Portland leadership over the past 10-15 years. It appears to us that this bill would allow those areas to subject areas outside of their normal tax base to subsidize their shortfalls. This new bill would affect our ability to retain our current standard of living which we worked our entire careers to protect. Please reconsider and reject any new or increased taxes at a time when inflation is rampant, and Oregon is struggling to retain its corporate partners and not encouraging them to move outside the state. Living within our budget is not just for individuals, it applies to everyone including businesses and government. We all make judgement calls on priorities everyday to live within those boundaries. Please show that the state government is a willing partner in this endeavor.

With all due respect,

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