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I am an 80 yr old and a native Oregonian. The HJR 201 proposed would unjustifiably create another tax for fighting catastrophic wildfires. As we well know wildfires have been with us for a very long time. With people moving to rural areas more man caused fires have been detected. This State has been talking about benign neglect of our forests for years and I am not sure that we all have been complicit as the individual (Paul Evan's) states in the HJR 201/HB4075. We have been funding the State Forest Service for quite a number of years so let's start there before we automatically jump out for another tax on individuals within this state. Of course we all need more money but as a lot of testimony has been given some folks are on a limited salary. With the cost of taxes on home owners increasing exponentially each year the government is in essence taxing people out of their houses. This proposal is a very ill conceived document and should be at the least studied in depth before any consideration to tax.