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To the Oregon Legislature,

Please do not push this measure through. It is very unfair to property owners, causing us to bear this burden, when perhaps you could manage better the funds already coming into the state.

We will be retired soon and on a limited income. We bought our house in the downturn for a little more than HALF of its value at its peak BUT were never able to get the very high taxes reduced to a reasonable number (\$12,000 annually!!!) given the fall of the real estate market. We have always thought this very unreasonable and unfair.

AND now we also have very high homeowners insurance rates due to too many trees in what they say is a fire hazard for the community. We don't want to be forced to move to another state due to high insurance rates and property taxes. Who but the VERY RICH will then be able to afford housing here in Oregon???? It is already over-priced!

This harms also the younger first-time homebuyers for the reasons listed above. Renters AND homeowners will be harmed because the landlords will need to pass on the increase to their tenants! This is not greed but practicality and necessity. Landlords have to pay for the upkeep and damage done to their property, as well as insurance and taxes, etc.

Residents may perhaps flee this state in the end due to too high taxes for more sanely governed states that care for their constituents' welfare. Then where will your revenue be?

I am a long-time Oregonian. My uncle was a senator in Oregon. My family were business owners as well. You most likely know who they are. My family has been in Oregon for generations! But I don't even recognize my state anymore.

This also seems a little sneaky to try and squeeze this through without your constituents' knowledge. Please be people who really care for the people of this state, show integrity.

Thank you for listening.