

Submitter: Mary Meyer  
On Behalf Of: Self  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HJR201

Dear Representatives,

I'm shocked to hear you are considering raising property taxes again. This is a bad idea, and most of your constituents cannot afford it!

If you have not talked with seniors on a fixed income, low and middle income people, I suggest you do that before voting.

It's time to do the hard work to balance the budget, and stop depending on the homeowners to fund everything for Oregon!

I am a senior on a fixed income. Please know that Not all of us are traveling on cruise ships, and living in luxury homes or retirement communities - they are the exception. The majority of your voters are making ends meet, and making the best decisions on how to spend their income. You need to do this for the state. The answer is Not to raise property taxes!

And on another note, the potential for this bill to create limitless taxes?? That is intolerable and unacceptable. Removing the limits of Measures 5 and 50 is dangerous and irresponsible.

In addition, it is unreasonable to remove all local controls by counties & cities! This is unacceptable, as these local controls help differentiate the needs of various populations and communities, much better than statewide laws. Are you not aware that the trend is toward Decentralizing? This is where the officials are most in touch with their constituents and their needs!

You need to figure out how to equitably distribute the approach for increasing funds, including non-owners, sales tax (seriously), keep the kicker, or....another creative solution - higher percentage of taxes for the wealthy, please.

Please vote NO on this bill. It is a waste of time and money - yours and ours.

Call me with any questions - 503-510-4902.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Mary Meyer