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I am opposed to HJR 201 as it singles out one group of people to fund a state legislated issue. The state has its funding streams that are fair to all Oregonians, this is not one of those fairly administered funding streams. Counties have been utilizing property taxes for many years to fund local projects and issues of importance to the county. With this bill the county will be reliant on the state to distribute funds according to a formula developed by Portlanders and their politicians. It's not our problem and shouldn't be because Portland can't manage their money and are now scheming to rob property owners throughout the state of funds to pay for their atrocities, which also robs local communities of one of their major funding streams. Where does it stop. Take it to the voters with a weighted vote whereby voters outside Portland get an equal say in the outcome. If Portland needs more money let them raise their own property taxes and leave us alone. If the state needs more money raise the state income tax, don't put it on the shoulders of property owners who many are struggling enough already.