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My husband and I are vehemently OPPOSED to HJR 201. Property taxes are to be exacted at the county level and used for the residents of the county/city/school district. HJR 201 will be a terrible hardship on those of us who are retired. My husband, now mostly retired, has been a very hard worker all of his life, but would not be able to work due to serious health issues. Not only would he be dealing with health issues and unable to pay our taxes, we will be unable to afford to stay in our modest home.

The State has repeatedly demonstrated the remarkable feat of producing zero results when they spend taxpayer money. This is not only an oppressive and unjust proposal, but would create yet another bloated state agency with innumerable employees feeding at the public employees' trough of funds squeezed from the already overtaxed people of Oregon. How many of the employees of this new state agency will be hired, not in the interest of "public safety," but with the goal of spreading the evils of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion"? EVERY agency in Oregon is burdened with DEI and we don't need another.

The problem of "public danger" was created by the state when they defunded the police and released criminals from prison. Now the state wants to make "public safety" a priority by taxing law-abiding citizens? Here's an idea: fire ALL of the DEI-related employees in the state. Hire law enforcement and kick out district attorneys who are soft on crime.

Allow those who earned their wages to keep more of their wages.