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Measure: HJR201

Please VOTE NO ON HJR 201 – NO STATEWIDE PROPERTY TAX

Firstly, I would like to point out that short session is primarily reserved for minor budgetary adjustments; HJR 201 is NOT a minor budgetary adjustment.

Secondly, the way this rushed public hearing was announced right before the weekend for a hearing on Tuesday is an extremely unethical approach; this doesn't allow time for folks to hear about it and respond.

Our daughter and husband are both working parents trying to raise their children; this new statewide property tax would create a hardship on their already maxed out finances.

HJR 201 would remove the current limits on property taxes which were brought forth by Measure 5 (rate limit) and Measure 50 (assessment limit). These Constitutional limits are needed to protect us from government control.

Seniors and disabled individuals will be hit hard since they have a limited income and can't increase what they get.

Much of our public safety problems have been created by liberal lawmakers who passed HB 3708 to reduce prison time for thieves, including property, ID and auto theft. Also, a bill reducing prison time for hard drugs was passed.

Portland defunded its police department by almost \$15 million and cut 100 staff positions. Their gun violence task force was ended and now homicides have spiked by 88%, and Portland's homicides were the highest to increase in America for 2020. It was well advertised on our radio station that District Attorney Mike Schmidt would not prosecute most of those charged with rioting.

Already, Oregonians are weighted down with a gas tax increase of 5%, some DMV fees doubled as well as DEQ fees being increased by 40%, PGE electrical rates rose by 17% and a brand new \$.40 cell phone tax. HJR201 property tax would be on top of all these other taxes.

Increasing property taxes will also hurt those renting because landlords will need to raise rents to pay for their increased taxes; many times those renting are hurt the most and have the least resources to fall back on.

HJR 201 is just a bad idea & Oregonians can't afford it. It should be DEAD on arrival; please vote NO on HJR 201