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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: HJR201

Good Afternoon Committee,

I believe the action on HJR201 should be thrown out with the bath water. The Metro, Portland, and the State of Oregon are clearly collapsing under what can only be described a self-demolition; exacerbated as evidenced by the recent decades of decline.

This measure purports to fund Public Safety in the State of Oregon by Constitutionally enabling the Legislative creation of YET ANOTHER administrative agency to rule and tax, and otherwise cause more economic burdens on the citizens of Oregon.

Nowhere within this bill is Public Safety defined. Its as broad as the side of a barn. That says it all. This should go nowhere and the entire concept of filling budgetary indiscretions with Constitutionally mandated taxes is patently WRONG.

Section 2, establishes a BASE rate, yet section 3. says the administrative body may also SET rates depending on...

Also Section 3 says that the adminstrative body may create exceptions to the rates..

Nothing is said about this requiring public approval through a public ballot. My intuition tells me this is a placeholder bill to be filled in at a later time that will severely restrict local municipal and county jurisdictions, taking direct control of budgets and initiates that should remain strictly local to communities.

Recent years have clearly shown that the State of Oregon Executive, Legislature, and Agencies are only capable of management by emergency declaration, mandates and rules. The current tax burdens on Oregonians are creating the public emergencies, housing, ineffective and punitive practices regarding homes and residential development, rall of which, and more, exacerbating the homeless, houseless emergencies. Public Safety, So your plan is to create a Public Safety TAX that cleans up the mess ferom Measure 110, yet all the while keeping that disaster on the books? Borders on, if not already criminal.

Legislators, get your act together while there is still an Oregon left to govern.