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Members of the committee, I am strongly opposed to the proposed change in property tax laws. The summary written for this change is misleading, as it does not mention that the proposal for funding public safety would lead to new property taxes not set by counties, as is currently done, but by the state government. Property taxes in Oregon are already expensive to the point that I have spoken with friends who are concerned that their property taxes will eventually replace their monthly mortgage payments as they continue to increase year by year. By implementing statewide property taxes, the problem will only worsen. There is already a problem with lack of housing in our state, and increasing the cost of owning a home or, by extension, renting, will lead to more people who cannot afford housing. If people cannot afford housing here in the beautiful state of Oregon, they will be obligated to move to another state.