



SB 1545: Assessment of homesteads rebuilt after the 2020 fires

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Good afternoon, Chair Meek, Vice Chair Boquist and members of the committee. My name is Jody Wiser, I am speaking on behalf of Tax Fairness Oregon.

I came to the hearing on this bill ready to say “calamity has been happening for years and will continue to do so. Oregon has a well-established system for assessing property improvements. And more severe storms, mudslides, fires and wind-whipped trees will do damage. Climate change will makes things worse. Property taxes, afterall, are how local communities provide services to those same families. We should stick to our system.”

But after hearing the voices of others, I’m convinced this is a well thought out and designed bill, setting a pattern that legislators might choose to use in future very specific situations of dramatic community loss.

I hope you will move the bill out of committee and to the floor for a vote.