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To: House Revenue Committee

From: Scot Langton, Deschutes County Assessor

Support for HB 3518

Dear Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee

I am testifying today in support of stable Assessment and Taxation Funding.

I have over 33 years of experience in county assessment, with the last 25 years as the Deschutes County Elected Assessor; during which time I've seen many changes to our property tax system including two constitutional measures.

The following is a chart with some statistics over my 25-year tenure with Deschutes County.

I'm incredibly proud of my team and what we have been able to accomplish with limited financial resources. We have always prided ourselves on the importance of operating as efficiently and effectively as possible, being good stewards of public funds.

As many of you are aware, Deschutes County has seen incredible growth, being one of the fastest growing places in the Country. With the workload this has created, we've continually utilized technological advancements and constant review of business processes.

This has allowed us to increase staff by only 2.5 FTE (7.7%) in 25 years; while at this same time

Real Market Value increased by over 800%

Assessed Value increased by over 400%

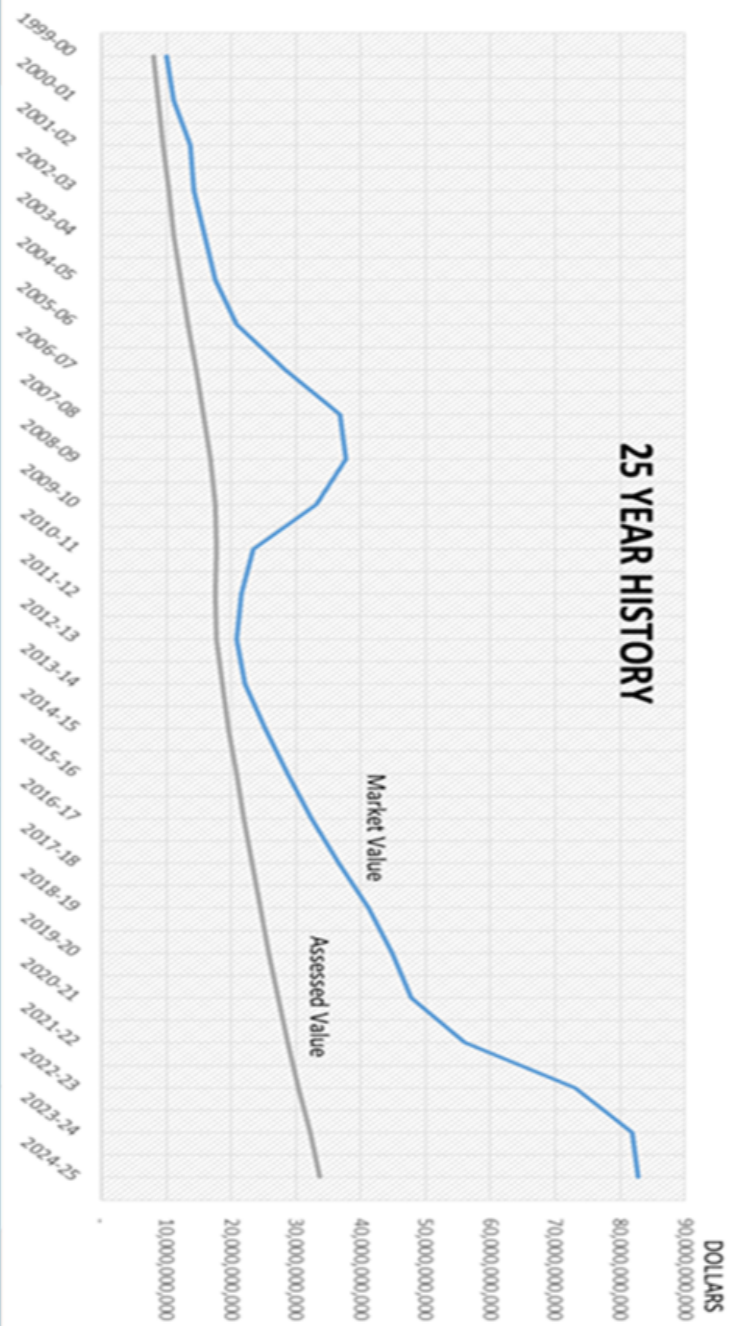
Taxes Imposed increased by over 500%

Added more than 33,000 new property tax accounts (the equivalent of 2 ½ new Redmond's)

While we are proud to be lean and efficient, we are at a point where we don't have any 'fat' to trim. With the continual decline in A&T Funding we are in serious danger of not being able to adequately provide our mandated services.

For FY25/26 the budget directions for Deschutes County have created a scenario where even with a hold the line status quo budget (same FTE, no capital) the Assessor's Office will be upside down by approximately \$235,000. This will create a situation where our ability to get a timely, equitable, and accurate tax roll out will be in jeopardy.

Thank you for your thoughtful review and consideration on establishing stable assessment and taxation funding.



	Current FY24/25	Increase Last 25 Years	
FTE	35.26	+ 2.51 FTE	107.7%
Mkt Value	81,921,856,074	+ 72.8 Billion	826.4%
Assessed Value	33,739,457,095	+ 24.1 Billion	417.0%
Taxes Imposed	563,689,788	+ 454 Million	512.2%
Number of Accounts	114,731	+ 33.2 Thousand*	140.8%

* 33,200 new accounts is equivalent of two and a half new Redmond's

