



## Tillamook County Assessment and Taxation

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Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

Over the last twenty years, Tillamook County has added around 3,000 new homes to its tax roll, yet staffing levels are lower than they were two decades ago. Consequently, the County's staff cannot keep pace with the reappraisal of these properties. Most areas within the County have not undergone reappraisals in over 30 years. Essentially, we are placing new homes on the tax roll and then walking away.

The yearly addition of new construction further complicates our challenge of not staying current with appraisals. Without regular reappraisals, we forfeit potential revenue each year. This shortfall directly affects our taxing districts that provide essential services for taxpayers, the community, and visitors. A decrease in property tax revenue leads to a corresponding loss of funding for essential services.

Tillamook County's beach communities have become a popular tourist destination, with vacation homes also serving as short-term rentals. In the summer, our population rises from 27,000 to over 100,000. The Tillamook Creamery alone attracts 1.3 million visitors yearly, putting pressure on local sheriff's departments and fire districts.

In 2012, the CAFFA Grant accounted for 30% of Tillamook County's A&T budget; today, it barely makes up half of that percentage. To compensate for this decline, we must draw more from the already strained General Fund due to rising costs and decreased timber revenue.

The responsibilities of the Assessment & Taxation departments are numerous and complex, but our goal is to value property, collect taxes, and generate revenue for taxing districts that support public safety, public health, public education, and other essential services.

By supporting this initiative, you are not only advocating for the critical services our department offers but also addressing the essential needs of our community and its visitors. Please support this bill so we can continue to meet the needs of those we serve.

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