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I am writing in opposition of SB712. Oregonians do not need higher property taxes since we are the 8th highest taxed state in the country. There already is high enough income tax in this state. Also not to mention every little thing you people want to tax, to make up for the over spending that this government is doing.

There is a constitutional limit on property taxes from Measure 5 which was passed by the voters in 1990. \$5.00 per \$1,000.00 of real market value for school taxes and \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 of real market value for general funds. Voters constitutionally limited property taxes in 1990 and in 1997 voters approved Measure 50 which capped annual increases to property taxes. Both Measures were voted on by the people and put in place in the State Constitution, with the permanent fixed amount, leading to a restriction of local government and school revenues. When Measure 50 passed it gave all tax districts a permanent operating rate limit. These tax rates can not be changed by actions of the district as they remain permanent. The permanent rate prevents city officials and residents from modifying tax rates to meet their local needs or preferences. No on SB712.