

Joint Committee Members,
My name is Patti Ron-VanWormer,

I am a resident of Molalla, Oregon, which currently has over 10,000 residents, I want to urge you to stop the proposed tax increases being considered in HB 2025.

We are all struggling these days to make ends meet but have tried to step up to our civic duties and voted in increases in local taxes in order to better our little city. Oregon is already 5th highest for the price of gas, and 3rd highest for housing prices in the country and our wages haven't increased but the cost of living has increased dramatically. And now we being asked to shoulder the burden of HB 2025.

As it stands now we have one of our adult children and her special needs child living with us at home because of the current cost of living. Raising our taxes thru HB 2025 might be the final straw of ruin for people like us.

I know I'm not alone when I say it already feels like my current taxes get redirected to larger surrounding areas rather than funneling them back into our city. We were recently required to install a "round about" on Hwy 213 and when it wasn't built large enough to sustain future area growth in our city – I'm sure you understand why I'm not feeling like it was good use of our tax dollars.

We ask you as tax paying citizens of the State of Oregon, please give us a break and STOP HB 2025!

Thank you,
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