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NO on SB 1580

This is another bill that shouldn't be in the short session. It is not straightforward and online news content should be decided by clearly defined laws and court cases where everyone is allowed full participation in the process. Outsourcing decision making and tax-imposing powers upon other non-governmental entities is not democratic with and has no accountability. This is a tax in sheep's clothing. Oregon already has too many and too high taxes. People are leaving this state in droves because of your policies. WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE.

This bill aims to address the decline of local journalism by requiring tech platforms to share advertising revenue with news organizations whose content they distribute. It aims to force social media companies into certain hamstrung agreements with Oregon media businesses. It would bind them to arbitration and the threat of huge fines, by the millions, if they do not comply. How is this right? Put it to bed and come to more sensible solutions in the long session.

Thank you,
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