

Re: Governor Kitzhaber address to the House Rules Committee
Request support for him to take emergency action.

In my opinion, I do not believe that the majority of people in Eastern Oregon would want to give Gov. Kitzhaber emergency privileges other than the National Guard.

I am sorry about Curry and Josephine Counties voting down the property tax levy, but they probably feel enough tax is enough and they just don't have it too give, but to then give the Governor the power to levy a tax in the name of "public safety" is just too much.

I would recommend that a reserve program be activated in the counties, that could be trained to assist the sheriff's office and deputies on a voluntary basis, although not ideal it does work as a presence of law in those rural areas. As you know the situations that have recently arisen in our own backyard with Mrs. Key and now the Tate Mercantile clerk being attacked by a knife wielding individual who is now incarcerated at the county jail. But the community here is working together to try and remedy just that type of situation because it was a long 40 minutes for the men who were able to subdue the individual, before police assistance arrived and then it was from the Walla Walla County Sheriff's Department followed by the OSP. I think a stronger reserve program and the neighborhood watch programs could both be very beneficial in many situations and it puts the responsibility on the people who live there to protect their homes and neighborhoods, if it doesn't work then next time they might pass the taxes they need to build a stronger law enforcement staff.

But again, I do not think voting to give the Governor more power than he already has is necessary, especially the ability to impose a tax on an already depressed county. We do not need Washington D.C. practices in our state- the people should still have the loudest voice.

Respectfully,

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