

HB3453 provides that Governor may proclaim, in affected counties, public safety fiscal emergency, with unanimous agreement of President and Minority Leader of Senate and Speaker and Minority Leader of House of Representatives.

This is unprecedented and an affront to local control. The bill implies that "if you won't vote for a tax, the governor will impose one." Local voters should be able to decide the level of public safety services they are willing to pay for. The counties at issue are in a fiscal "emergency" are thus because state and local governments will not challenge the feds refusal to obey the 1937 O&C law. In addition, the state has imposed arbitrary and irrational comprehensive land use regulation which has served to frustrate economic development on the privately owned land.

If the state simply got out of the way of these local areas managing their own affairs, this bill would not be necessary. It should not be supported because of the state's past errors.

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