#### What does HJR 7 Do?

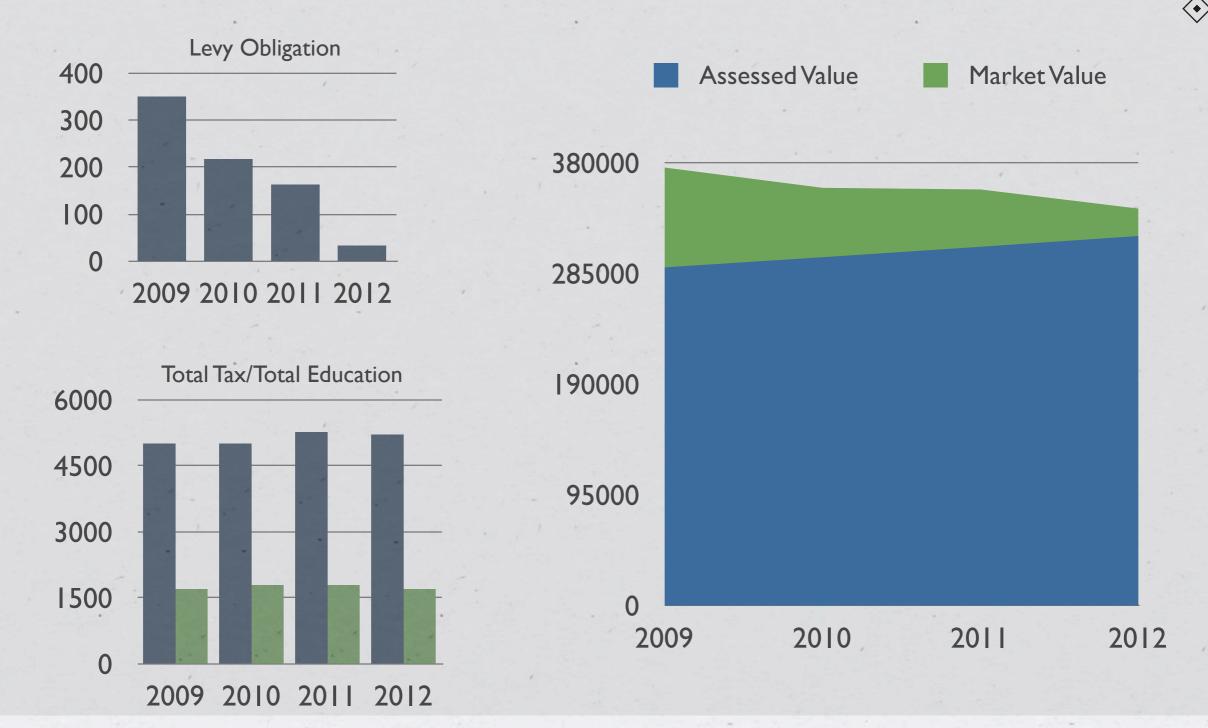
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 Restores the \$7.50 cap for education related property taxes. This was the rate in 1993-94. This releases all "compressed" revenues to school districts, ESDs and Community Colleges.

 \* Allows school districts a four year window during which they can ask voters to approve a permanent levy for their local schools.
With passage of HB 2424, all new revenues would stay in the district.

# Local Option Taxes the Gap

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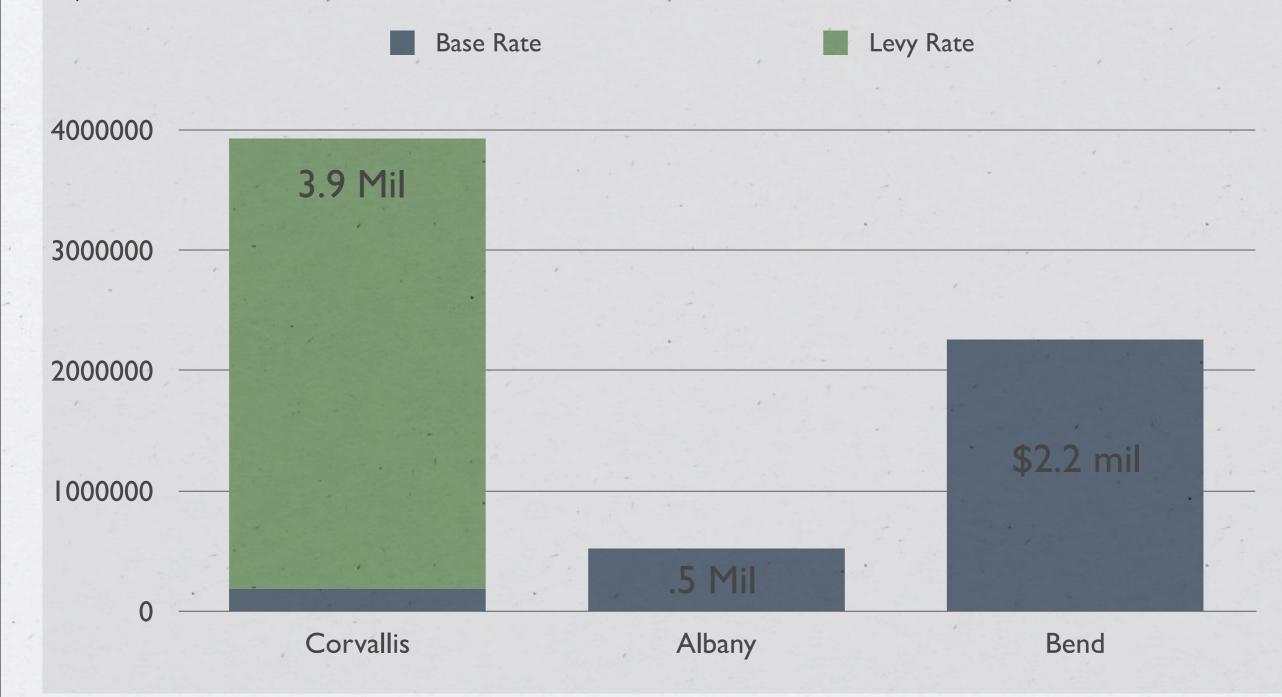


A local option levy essentially removes the "discount"

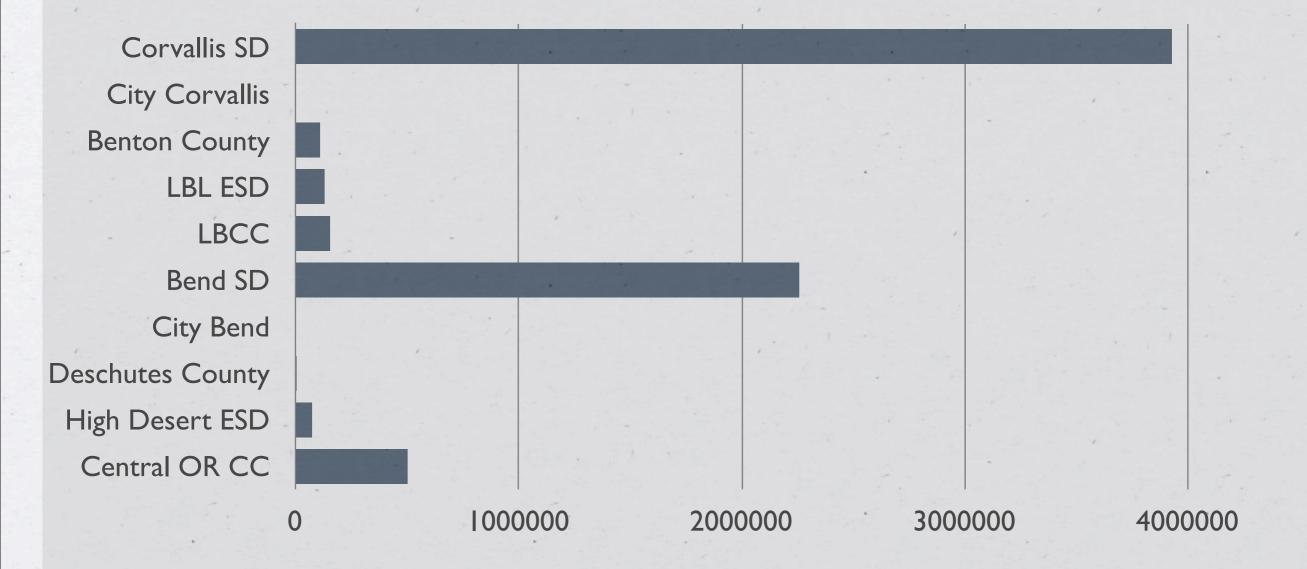
enjoyed by certain properties.

#### 2012-13 Estimated Compression Losses (School District)

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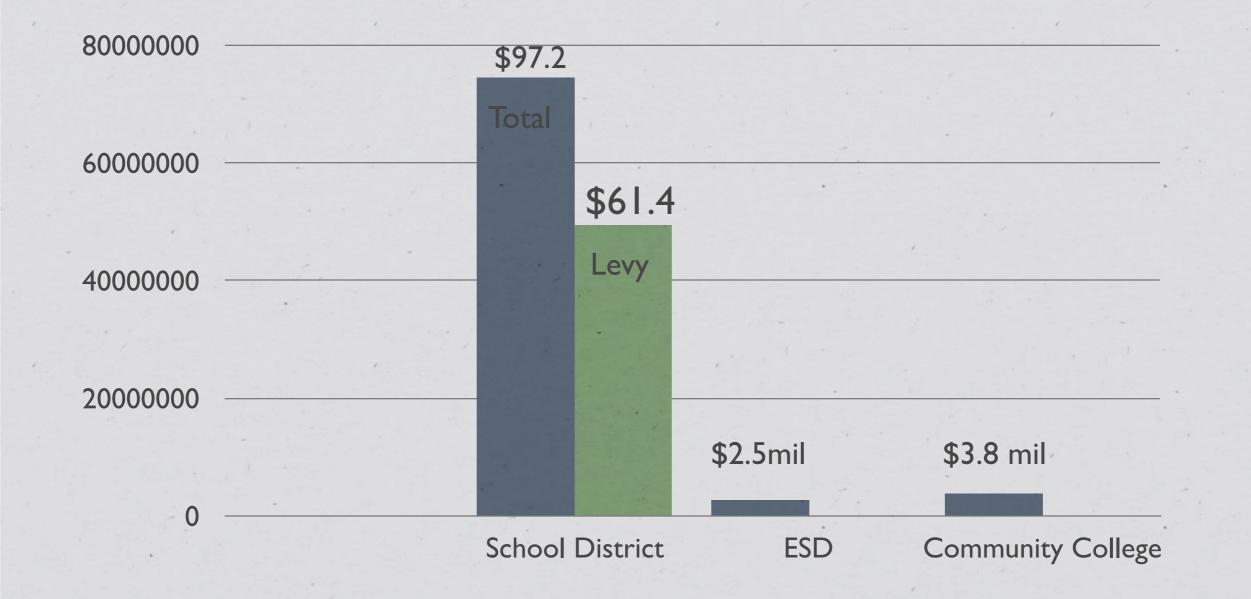
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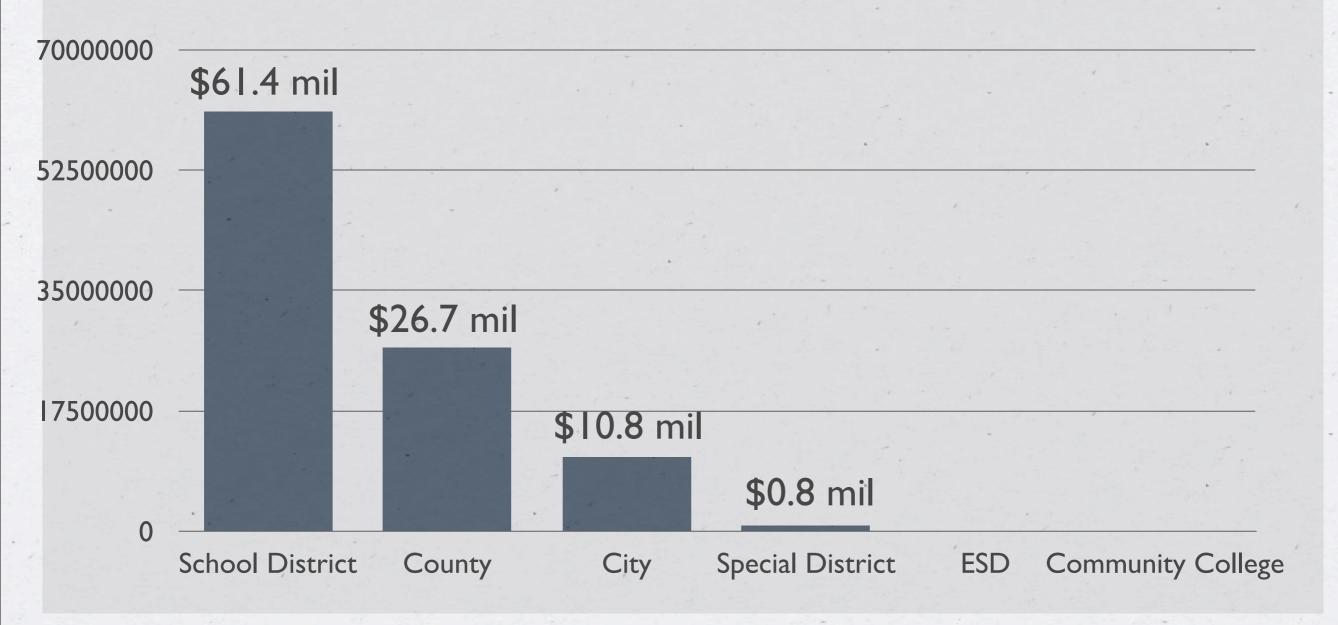
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### HJR 7 Compression Revenue

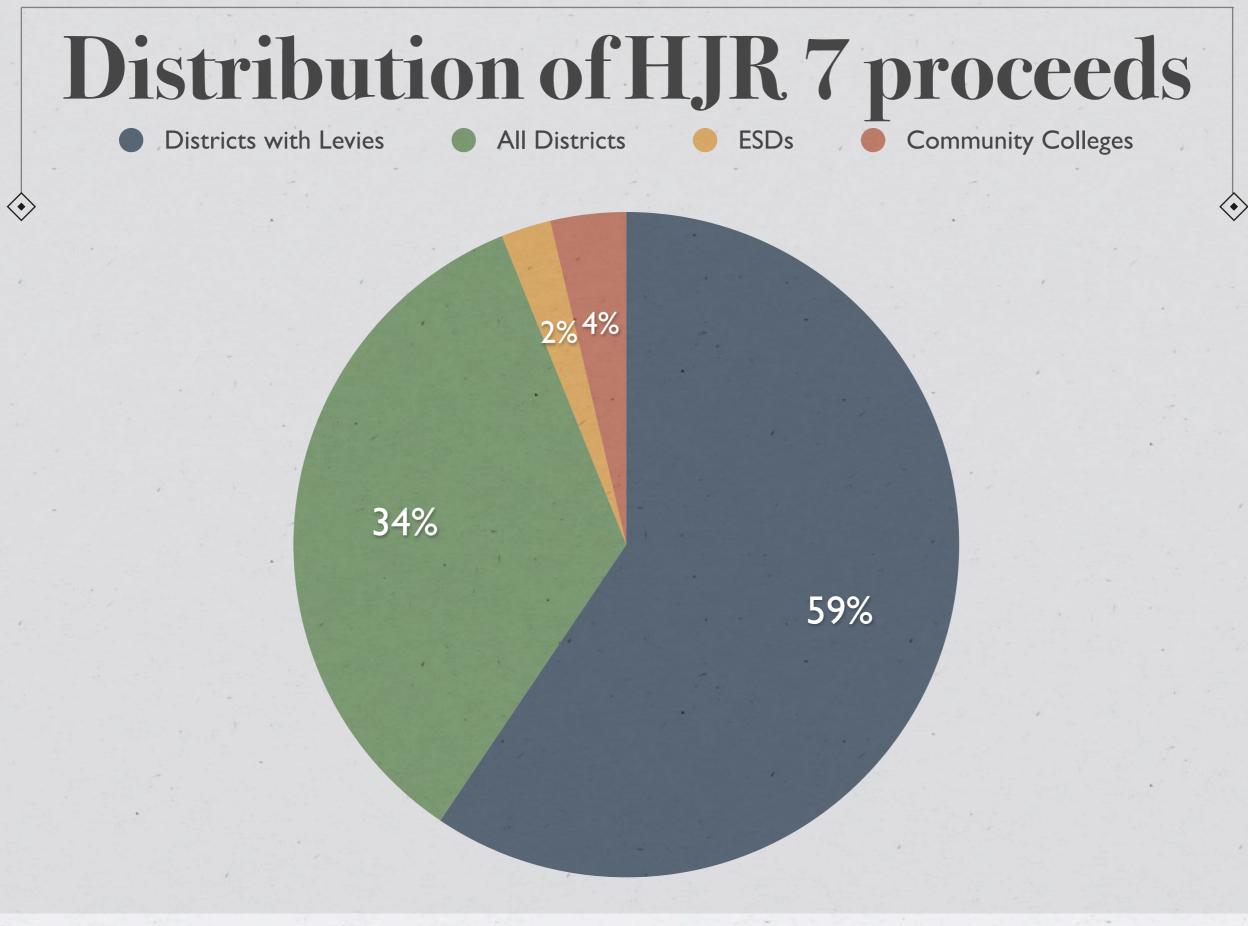
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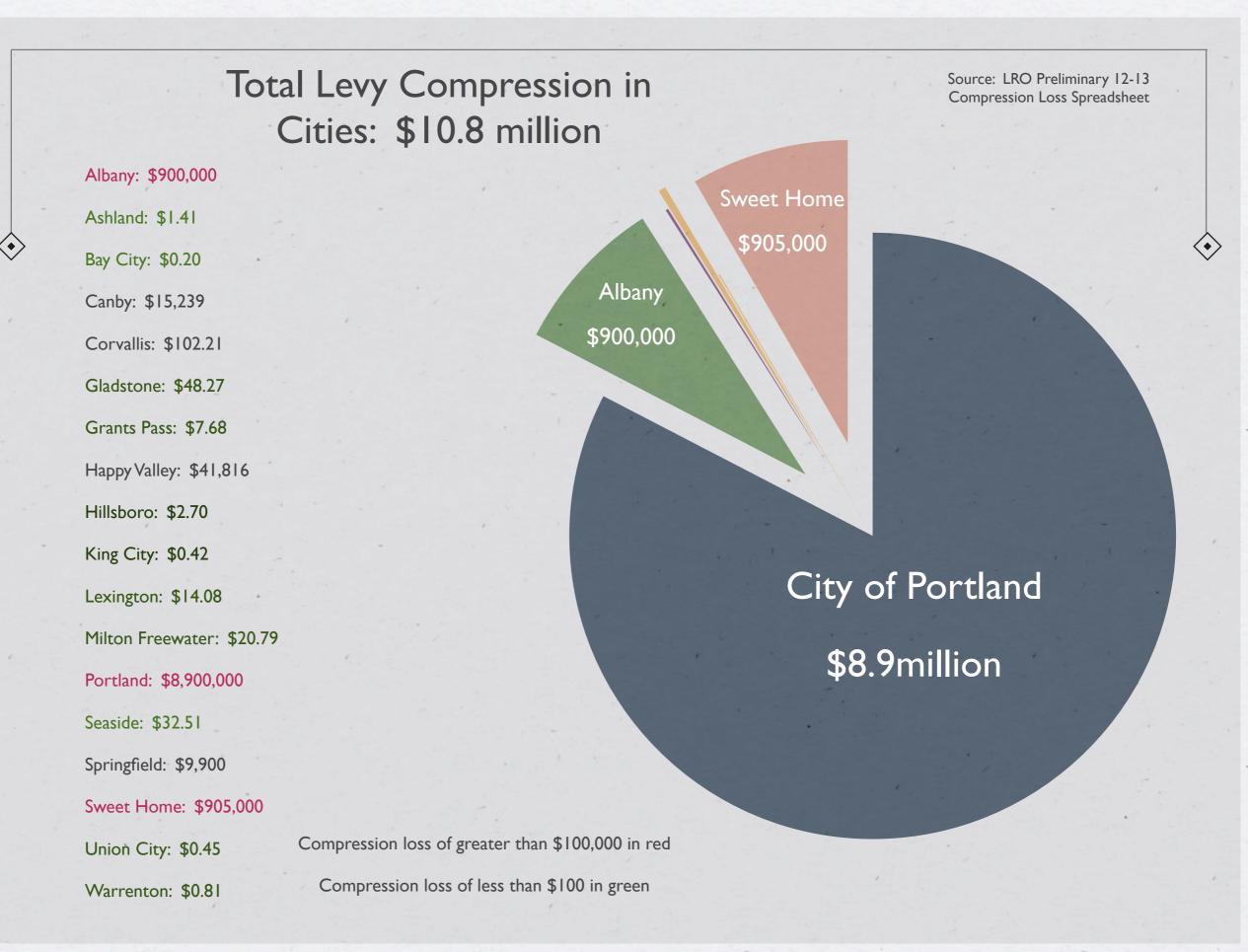


### Potential Revenue from Levy Compression



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Source: LRO Preliminary 12-13 Compression Loss Spreadsheet

#### Total Levy Compression Revenue in Counties: \$26.7m

Baker: \$15,503 Benton: \$107,404 Clackamas: \$458,028 Clatsop: \$8617 Jefferson: \$222,080 Klamath: \$3775.40 Lincoln: \$241.02 Linn: \$4,869,373 Multnomah: \$20,930,611 Tillamook: \$399.14 VVashington: \$123,454

Compression loss of greater than \$100,000 in red

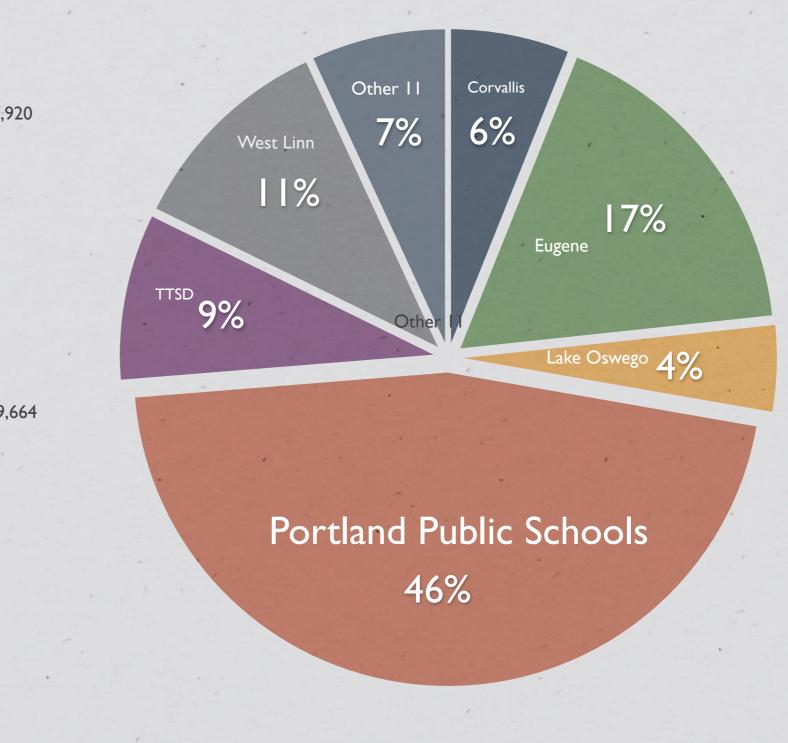
Linn \$4.86m

Multnomah \$20.9m

#### **Proceeds of School Levy-only Compression Release**

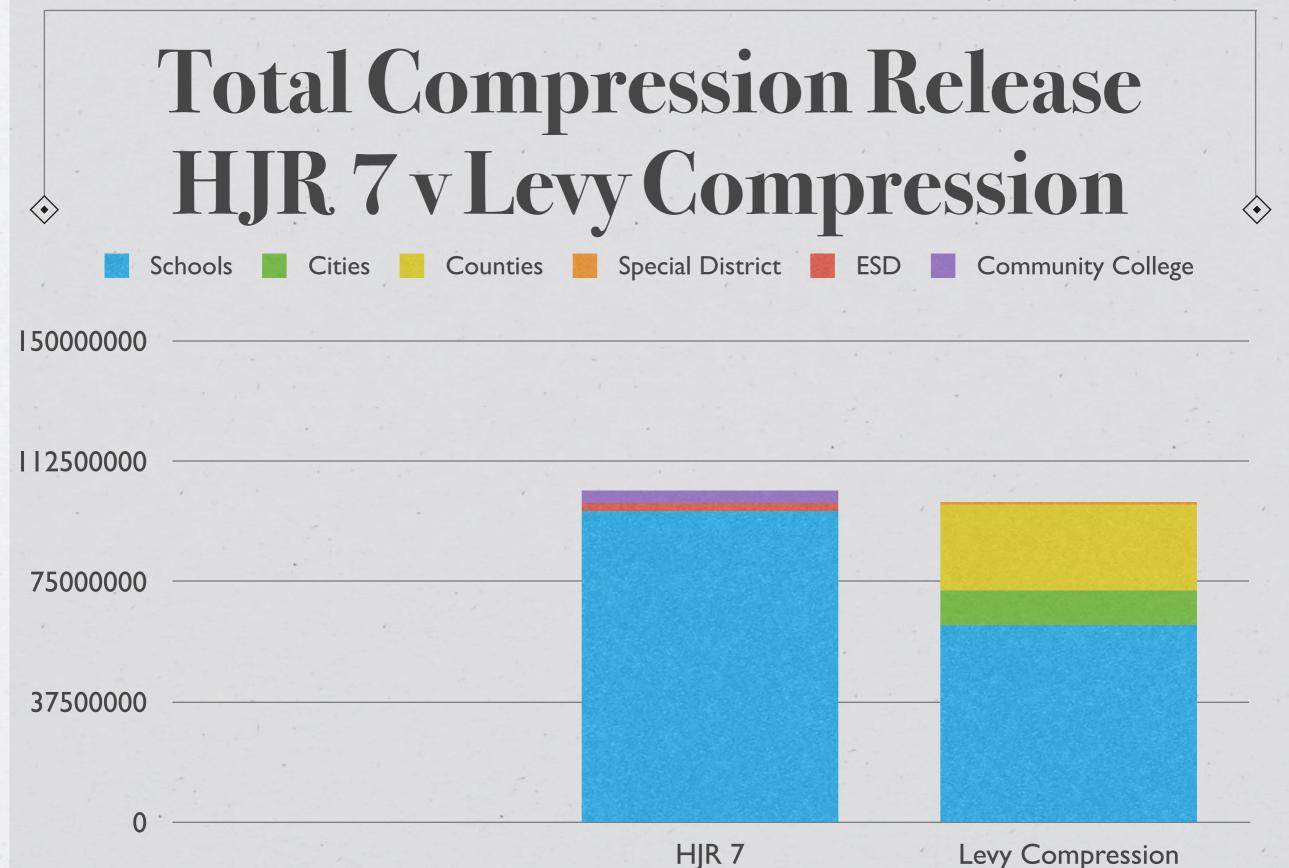
Ashland: \$1,221,510

Condon: \$38,822 Corvallis: \$3,742,317 Crow-Applegate-Lorraine: \$207,920 Eugene: \$10,565,888 Falls City: \$32,793 Hood River: \$566,601 Lake Oswego: \$2,758,221 Morrow: \$1,020,361 Pendleton: \$200,417 Portland Public Schools: \$28,069,664 Riverdale: \$163,452 Seaside: \$268,113 Sisters: \$278,861 Siuslaw: \$282,436 Sweet Home: \$147,093 Tigard-Tualatin: \$5,234,720 West Linn: \$6,616,246



Only 21% of Oregon students attend school

in a district with a Local Option Levy



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\* HJR 7 benefits all public schools and all students by increasing the size of the state school fund through the release of base compression

HJR 7 additionally benefits districts with local option levies because it releases levy revenue from compression

- \* HJR 7 is the only current property tax proposal that provides relief for community colleges and ESDs
- \* HJR 7 provides communities with the opportunity to vote for more stability for their schools. It allows voters to decide whether to increase the permanent rate for their local schools, with all proceeds staying within the local district.
- \* HJR 7 is flexible. Voters can choose between a temporary local option, no local option or a permanent rate increase
- \* HJR 7 provides immediate relief. Upon voter approval of the constitutional amendment, compression relief will occur immediately for existing levies and for compression of the base rate.

#### **Considerations in Tax Policy**

