

Dear Chair and Vice Chair: As a county seat for one of Oregon's most populated counties, Oregon City is host to hundreds of tax exempt properties, including more than forty Clackamas County facilities and dozens of museums, health care facilities, state and federal offices and more that require municipal services for which Oregon City collects no property tax revenue. Indeed, the gap between the County population (approaching 400,00) and Oregon City population (35,000) appears to be the largest in the state, meaning tax exempt impacts hit Oregon City particularly hard compared to many other county seat communities, placing an unfair burden on our rank and file resident property tax payers and local businesses to subsidize these services.

Accordingly, Oregon City would be very concerned about any modifications to state law that might further erode our taxable base as it pertains to exempt properties. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,
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