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SB 431 contains some ambiguous language that may affect the entire state.

Section 17(2) refers to benefitted lands being assessed. In Section 1 it states that this district is being formed because *“lands protected by the Columbia River levee system in northern Multnomah County to be of statewide and regional significance because they contain significant industrial and economic lands, one of the state’s most important transportation hubs, the Portland International Airport, the second largest source of drinking water in Oregon and a number of important natural assets. This area also represents a significant cultural and community history of flooding, displacement and loss, a history that should be remembered so that it is not repeated.”* My concern is that this would mean the entire state benefits therefore we should all be assessed. That I do not agree with.

Again in Section 5, the Board of Directors does not include anyone from any other part of the state however Section 17(2) refers to the benefits to the entire state. There is no representation from anywhere else in the state. This leads to Section 5 B(2) – *“The purpose of the initial district board is to organize the district and to develop, and approve **or** seek approval from the electors of, methods of funding the operations of the district.”* This seems to me to be a possibility of imposing taxation on the entire state without representation.

I would encourage you to revisit this bill. As it stands I would urge you to vote no on SB431.

Thank you for your consideration.

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