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To: Senate Committee on Education; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 404]...Only at the Legislature do Task Forces "grow on trees" with "No" costs.

[SB 404]: Is a significant tax increase to support programs already in existence or easily accessed via the internet.

There are "No" costs identified for the use of the Departments of; Business Development and Agriculture.

There are "No" costs identified for the formation and administration of, "**The Organic Action Plan Task Force.**"

There are "No," Revenue, Fiscal Impact Reports and or a Budget Report. There are "No" ancillary costs to recovery administrative fees.

What is needed;

The Audits Division of the Secretary of State needs to, "crawl all over" the OSU Extension Program.

Farmer's Markets should NOT charge vendors for spaces to sell their products.

"Free Vendor spaces" will; promote more organic vegetables, fruits and other farm products.

Increase Community Garden spaces!

OSU Extension Programs have multiple redundant systems to wit [SB 404] is grossly "un-needed."

There exists tons upon tons of information at OSU [SB 404] wants to duplicate.

OSU needs to begin "consolidating Extension Offices" to reduce costs and to improve efficiencies.

For example, Yamhill County is considered an "Urban County."

Yamhill County's OSU Extension Office is, "obsolete."

How many additional County's OSU Offices are, "obsolete?"

****The Business community will prosper for [SB 404] pays for their marketing costs.**

****But, it is the Property Owners who pay property taxes to support the OSU Extension Offices.**

****Remember, OSU Extension Offices are "Taxing Districts."**

NO MORE TAX INCREASES!

Respectfully submitted,

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