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To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 838]...with EXTREME PREJUDICE!

[SB 838] is an unnecessary waste of taxpayer dollars for it is duplicative of all Oregon County Assessor's records.

[SB 838] serves to increase the size and scope of the Secretary of State (SOS) when a "downsizing" of the aforementioned office is in order.

*****The "Audits Division" should be separated from the SOS and allowed to stand alone.**

[SB 838] could serve to monitor "Rents" and other business activities to serve political goal(s).

Could [SB 838] be used to augment [HB 2578]'s unfair taxation of second mortgages?

The "Text: [Page 1 at (15-18)]" states, " (2) Property used by an owner as a residence is not required to be included on the registry. The Secretary of State shall remove a property from the list if an owner notifies the Secretary of State that the property is used as residence by the owner."

[SB 838] says nothing concerning a "Vacation residence." Further, some people list their residences as "corporate properties."

The exchange of confidential information in "Section (2): [Page 1 at (21-28)]" states,

" SECTION 2. ORS 190.255 is amended to read: 190.255. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law governing the confidentiality or disclosure of information, a state agency may enter into an interagency agreement with **another state agency** to disclose to the **other state agency** a business name, address, telephone number or state-generated common identification number or the nature of a business or type of entity conducting the business, for the purposes of registering businesses or updating business registration records or registering an entity with or updating the statewide property ownership registry established under section 1 of this 2021 Act."

"...another state agency..." "other state agency..." could mean another state.

[SB 838] is not only vague and ambiguous but, no reason is given why such a database is to be created, how the data base will be used and how much it is going to cost the taxpayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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