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I am writing to oppose this bill. Oregon already has enough tax revenues. The state has a lot of revenue in the current projection they have not even figured out how to spend.

Local and county governments rely on property taxes to fund their operations. That is all they have. Now the state wants to put its hands in citizens' pockets by introducing a new tax that is the only tax local and county governments have for funding their operations.

As a senior on Social Security I am very concerned about the increased tax burden I have on me. Oregon already has very high property taxes and the taxes just keep going up each year. As a home owner I do not want to see my tax burden go up further by the introduction of another tax, especially one that increases the burden on me for owning my home.

As far as public safety goes, try mandating that prosecutors actually prosecute serious crimes. Too many people are let go and prosecutors are not prosecuting serious crimes. I do not think anyone trying to burn down the federal building in Portland in 2020 has been held accountable.

Oregon does not have a revenue problem. Oregon has a spending problem. There are plenty of tax revenues coming in to fund essential services. The state needs to learn to live withing its means.