

Submitter: Charles Gibbins
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Dear legislators,

I must strongly oppose this bill and the formation of a new property tax. We have seen Oregon develop new administrative bodies over and over again. All these administrative positions have failed in their goals. Administrative bloat is destroying our state, including our school system which is ranking as one of the lowest in the country in post Covid recovery via the NY times. We do not need another administrative body for "public safety" which will become a black hole for Oregon citizens tax dollars.

I understand this will be funded by a new and permanent property tax. Housing affordability is at its lowest point in the states history. We are just coming out of a period of high inflation and increases in insurance premiums, which is creating a large financial burden on all Oregon citizens. A new property tax will make this burden unbearable and will increase monthly payments for renters and homeowners alike. This tax increase will cause an out sized burden on Oregon's lowest income residents including dispossessed and historically marginalized communities, furthering the poverty cycle and potentially driving thousands more Oregonians into homelessness. Any financial tax gains for the state will be handily offset trying to rehome those who lost housing due to this tax. Many households are on razor thin budgets and this will tip them over into unrecoverable territory. Please, I urge you to vote down this proposal for the good of ALL Oregonians

Sincerely,
Charles G