

I am writing in opposition to the proposed HJR 201. This bill is would potentially harm certain populations in Oregon as well affect rural communities by requiring them to be burdened with issues larger cities have.

It also would undermine Measure 50 which states, "Each district has a permanent property tax rate established in Measure 50. Assessed value growth is limited to 3% a year – with a few exceptions." Each district in Oregon has their own unique circumstances that the local residents consider and pay their property tax to such as schools, and emergency services. This bill would remove current local control over property taxes from counties and cities by allowing new statewide management and mandates without limits. This would eliminate the local government's ability to meet the needs of the people in their jurisdiction given this bill would remove each district's local voice. This state and its districts are diverse and to make a broad management of the funds through the state would be remiss in that many of those districts' needs would not be considered especially when the most demanding needs will be adhered to without consideration of all the state. Portland is an example of how reckless spending can become without a resolution. They have spent billions in clean up and yet the city remains filthy and homeless prevail in its streets without any solutions or effective plans. All of Oregon should not have to pay for Portland's city council poor decisions and inefficiency in solutions or planning.

We have two measures #5 and #50 that currently protect the home owners. This bill would remove those protections which would cause great risk to folks being unable to pay unlimited property taxes especially the vulnerable such as seniors disabled and limited income individuals. This would easily dislocate them and possibly find them on street.