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I am submitted this response to strongly oppose HJR201. The state of Oregon has already proven they cannot manage funds in a manner fitting to benefit Oregon. This shift in the tax assignment capability is only going to hurt Oregonians. Taxation based on asset value should be left to the county and city in which it is already controlled. There is no reason to tax people living in rural Oregon, at the rate someone would get taxed in a densely populated area, like Portland. The solution to a mismanaged budget is not, and should never be, to raise taxes. Throwing more money at a problem is not a solution. Solutions are often times a short term, harder decision, and should be taken seriously. We, as a state, need to get away from the idea of continual tax raises. We need to take a hard look at the budget. Implement cuts, where needed, and restructure from the top down in order to keep from driving people out of this state.