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HJR 201 is problematic for many reasons.

It amends Oregon's Constitution and circumvents Article XI sections 11 and 11b which put limitations on property tax and were passed by voters.

It creates a state property tax on ALL real property and ALL personal property, tangible and INTANGIBLE. Would intangible property include unrealized gains? How would people pay a tax on unrealized gains? Would they also be able to offset their taxes with unrealized losses?

Who will be the authority to implement the tax? Will each county of Oregon be represented, or will Portland run roughshod over all other parts of the state?

It's stated this tax is for funding "public safety", but there's no real definition of what that means. After "defund the police", I suspect this term is deceptively left undefined.

Oregon doesn't have a tax problem, it has a spending problem.

HJR 201 must be rejected.