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HJR 201 is unfair taxation by disregarding ability to pay.

Washington and California acknowledge that seniors are locked into a fixed income and have senior circuit breakers on property tax. I worked and paid income taxes to the state of Oregon every year since 1968. I have lived in my beloved home for over 30 years with the goal of enjoying retirement in my home. Seniors already make spending decisions based on fixed income. Eating out, owning a car, prescriptions, cable TV or buying Christmas presents for the grandkids are choices that must be made in inflationary times. Seniors being forced to leave their homes because of property taxes is wrong. The message of this bill is that we have not earned the right to stay in our homes.

Sales tax and income tax have "ability to pay" built into the taxation structure. Oregonians don't like the idea of sales tax but perhaps it's time has come. The single untaxed resource in this state is tourism.

If you proceed with HJR201 you will reap a larger homeless population.