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A new property tax would once again push #homeownership further out of reach for first-time homebuyers, senior citizens, and lower-income #Oregonians. Why can't state lawmakers get it through their heads that Oregonians do not want new taxes? "Lawmakers have authored HJR 201 which would create Oregon's first ever statewide property tax and use it to fund public safety. HJR 201 would allow this statewide tax to be exempt from current limits on property taxes — Measure 5's (1992) rate limit and Measure 50's (1997) assessment limit, so there would be NO LIMIT whatsoever on how high property taxes could go. HJR 201 would be a referral to voters."

As a 70 year old lifetime resident of Oregon, I am at a loss to understand how this in any way, shape or form, will result in any positive benefit to residents of the state. It will, however, put many (including myself) in a very great chance of losing our homes due to more taxes. It is time for the state of Oregon to learn to live within it's means financially like it's resident have to. No more taxes!