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On Behalf Of: Self
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

Please vote NO on HJR 201. This egregious resolution would remove property taxation authority from the counties and cities and give that authority to the state. It would also remove the protections of both Measure 5 and Measure 50 which would remove limits on both property taxes and assessment of property respectively.

Furthermore, property owners with limited incomes such as those who have retired, seniors living on social security who own their own homes, and the disabled would not be able to afford to pay higher tax rates than they are assessed already and would be forced to sell their own property for which they had worked so hard to own. Property tax rates in Oregon are already among the highest in the nation.

Additionally, our county taxes are used to fund our LOCAL SCHOOLS & PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS. We want our local funds to remain local and not be subjected to being used for state projects, and we want to have a say in how our local property taxes are spent.

Why would we in a rural county want our money to pay for the overspending in the metropolitan areas?

Thank you!