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

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HJR 201. This bill is a disguised state property tax outside the limits for property taxes in the name of public safety. Any legislator for this bill should step down. This is so in the face for every homeowner and is disgusting that these legislators would want to tax every Oregonian more to pay for their failures in public safety.

This bill directs the Legislature to impose a state property tax to fund public safety in this state. Allows the Legislature to delegate to the administrative authority the authority to implement the tax. Provides that the tax would not be subject to Article XI, section 11, of the Oregon Constitution (Ballot Measure 50) (1997), or Article XI, section 11b, of the Oregon Constitution (Ballot Measure 5) (1990). Refers the proposed amendment to the people for their approval or rejection at the next regular general election.

The state property tax may be imposed on an annual basis at a rate not to exceed \$0.25 per \$1,000 of the value of the property as assessed under law.

The state's average home value is \$468,000. That's \$117 added property tax to 1,798,864 housing units yielding \$210,467,088.

Laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly pursuant to this section to implement the state property tax may also:

(A) Set rates that vary according to reasonable classifications of property and taxpayers;

and

(B) Provide for exemption, partial exemption or special assessment of certain reasonable classifications of property or taxpayers. (Exemptions always creates an unequal fairness.)

QUESTION TO ALL LEGISLATORS FOR THIS BILL: Were the riots a setup for this new tax?

SUGGESTION: Repeal Measure 110 and it would be a good start to public safety.

THIS BILL IS DETRIMENTAL TO ALL OREGONIANS. WHY?

- We can't afford it! Oregonians already pay higher taxes than most states.
- Removes current local control over property taxes from Counties/Cities by allowing new statewide property tax scheme without limits.
- This would allow Portland politicians to raise property taxes on rural Oregonians for their reckless spending.
- Removes current Constitutional limits on property tax rates (Measure 5) and assessment rates (Measure 50) with sneaky exceptions.
- Risk throwing seniors, the disabled and other limited income Oregonians out of their homes as property taxes become limitless.
- HJR 201 would be a referral to voters, because that is the only way politicians can remove/tinker with current Constitutional property tax limits that protect home owners.

HB 4075 implements HJR 201 by establishing a task force. x. Specifies that revenues from tax must be deposited in equal amounts in two funds, one for public safety inside and one for public safety outside the wildland-urban interface, and that 80 percent of revenues must fund local public safety and 20 percent must fund state level public safety. Requires plan to include baseline minimum funding level for each local public safety body.

i SUGGEST EVERYONE TESTIFYING, ALSO TESTIFY ON HB 4075

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