

<b>Date:</b>	<b>February 12th 2024</b>
<b>To:</b>	Chair Meek, Vice Chair Boquist, Members of the Senate Finance & Revenue Committee
<b>From:</b>	Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager Michael Burdick
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>AOC Supports SJR 201</b>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SJR 201. For the record, I am Michael Burdick, providing testimony on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) is a non-partisan member organization that advocates on issues that unite all county governing bodies and have an impact on county functions, governance, budgets, and services.

AOC is very supportive of SJR 201, as well as any other option the legislature may have available to remove the requirement that a property's MAV be recalculated upon entry or exit from AV exemption programs, and restore the straightforward benefits that veterans and active duty members of the military were supposed to receive. The requirement that MAV be recalculated creates uncertainty for veterans, active duty members of the military, and anyone considering participating in AV exemption programs. In addition, the requirement that these properties be recalculated creates additional work for county assessors that we believe isn't necessary.

We appreciate the committee taking time to hear SJR 201. We hope the committee will support SJR 201, or other legislation addressing these issues this session.

Thank you for considering AOC's testimony.