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Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HJR201

I strongly oppose HJR 201. A statewide property tax is a bad idea. Local control and oversight is best for everyone. There is no "one size fits all". What may suit Portland or Salem doesn't suit the rest of the state. Case in point is that Jackson County operates with a balanced budget and prudent reserves. many counties don't. The state doesn't. Bad idea to let state step in and destroy what is working in my county. This measure would create another agency —UNELECTED— with power to make rules and raise taxes. This does not serve the people well. Only our elected legislators should perform these tasks.

Bringing this measure now violates what we, as voters, approved for short sessions. This is new business, not reviewing budgetary aspects of measures from the long session. This abuse of the short session should STOP NOW.

Furthermore, our constitution mandates taxation measures be brought to the people for their vote. THIS MEASURE SHOULD BE A BALLOT MEASURE.

The constitution also caps property tax increases. The purpose was/is to protect homeowners from being taxed out of our homes. Another reason to bring this to the voters.

HJR 201 should be shredded. Never brought up again, except as a ballot measure.