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HJR 201 will reduce the local tax base to pay for statewide programs that should be covered by our already very generous state income tax. Local tax districts, whose main revenue is from property taxes will be hurt by this bill. Local issues and services are currently dependent on local property taxes. As a community, we vote on bonds and levies for local police, fire districts, and much more. An additional statewide property tax will reduce the money available for local services. As a community, we would no longer be able to vote to exercise control to fund these local services. Instead, politicians will decide for us how much our property taxes are and what services they fund. Much like the statewide transit tax, I expect the urban centers will receive 90% of the resulting revenue and the vast majority of Oregon will not see any benefit.