

13 February 2024

House Committee on Rules

Re: House Joint Resolution 201

Dear Chair Representative Fahey, Vice-Chairs Representatives Helfrich and Kropf and members of the committee;

HJR 201 is one of the most egregious, insulting pieces of legislation to come out of this years session. So far.

As I'm sure you're aware, a few years ago legislators passed HB 3708, to reduce prison time for thieves, which included property, ID, and auto theft. During the same session legislators also passed a bill reducing prison time for hard drugs.

Ahh... the miasmic Measure 110. The Oregon bureaucracy took nearly three years to make most of the money available - on par with other state run program's efficiency—resulting in only 50 out of 382,000 addicts receiving help using those M110 funds.

Consider, (the once appealing) *City of Roses* defunding; cutting its police department funding by almost \$15 million and cutting 100 positions. Also ending its gun violence task force. And in 2020 the DA dropped 70% of riot charges, fueling more riots.

Former governor Brown, between 2020 and 2022 released one-thousand inmates early.

Now the state is asking for another tax for "public safety"? Good grief. Do the sponsors of HJR 201 think Oregonians are that stupid? The smartest folks in the room have made their bed, no sleep in it. They've no idea how angry such bright ideas such as HJR 201 makes us.

NO NEW TAXES.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner