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I find it interesting, at a time when our State is facing a huge houselessness crisis, that the legislature is even considering an idea that will almost certainly make housing significantly less affordable. Not only will it affect property owners, but it will hit renters as well, as many landlords won't be able to afford to just absorb the increase in property taxes, so they will just pass it along to their tenants. Marginalized communities and older Oregonians will almost certainly suffer disproportionately, experiencing far more significant increases in houselessness than others.

If this legislature wants to be remembered as the one that threw even more elderly and marginalized Oregonians onto the streets, then this proposal is a great way to establish that legacy. On the other hand, if it is serious about addressing the houselessness problem, then rejecting this proposal is a good step in that direction.