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As a 26 year old student living in Portland without any financial help, I strongly oppose HJR 201. What the Oregonian people need is less government overreach and more individual and community accountability and connection. The answer isn't in giving you endless amounts of money to do whatever you wish with it but keeping our money for ourselves to give to our neighbors, to our small business owners, to higher education, to a save and secure place to live that doesn't drain a paycheck or two every month. You have no right to govern property tax while tying the hands of landlords who can't easily evict verbally and emotionally abusive roommates. You have no right to govern property tax which drives up the price of already unrealistic rental prices, you have no right to govern property tax when it is your financial illiteracy that makes you overspend. If you are having trouble understanding budgeting and finances, please consider hiring a PCC professor for a workshop to the members. We the people deserve to have legislators who step up and compassionately consider us and our well-being, to help make life EASIER. Times are tough for everyone, especially us little guys who have nothing to their name already and pay their landlords mortgages and property taxes while paying for school, inflated grocery bills, utilities, gas, car registration fees, medical bills, the list goes on. And god forbid we have hobbies or a social life or want to go on a date... please take a page from the Poor People's Book and learn to coupon, budget, live within your means, and save. We're all in this together. Please, reconsider your priorities so they for once can align with the immediate problems and issues of the majority of Oregonians and not the ideologies of shortsighted liberals and rich peoples tomorrow. Thank you.