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I support HB 3499. In fact this bill doesn't go far enough, I'd prefer for the use of urban renewal funds to be unlawful in the state of Oregon. It's unlawful in California despite efforts to resurrect it. Look up article from news media Reason titled, "California Lawmakers Might Resurrect Failed Urban Renewal Program." In Wilsonville, Oregon, a 500 acre neighborhood called Villebois was developed with the use of Urban Renewal funds. Look up what former Wilsonville Mayor John Ludlow has to say in an opinion piece in The Oregonian called, "My Turn: Urban Renewal Drains & Pains Wilsonville Taxpayers."

At the very least taxpayers should always be given the opportunity to vote on issues that affect to their taxes. This bill should not be contested. I strongly support HB 3499 and I call on our legislators to pass this bill.