



## Taxpayers Association of Oregon

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### **Taxpayers Association of Oregon urges No on SB 426**

#### **Senate Bill 426 punishes vulnerable, innocent property owners while slowly letting criminals off the hook.**

SB 426 makes property owners liable for when contractors they hire do not properly pay their employees, even though the landowner paid in full for the project.

The Official Staff Measure Summary says this bill is needed because " BOLI has a significant backlog for wage claims" and cannot help victimized workers.

Oregon State government is in the top five biggest spending state governments in America as measured by spending/per-capita. The last Oregon budget grew by over 20%. Where is the money going? Why are crime victims put at the bottom of the list?

Property owners are making the biggest financial decision of their life and are extremely vulnerable. They are already a victim if their home is forced to stop construction due to a serious unpaid wage problem that the landowner has no connection to. SB 426 victimizes them again.

Please vote no.