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Separation of Church and State is not in the U.S. Constitution.

It is however present in the Oregon Constitution Article I, Section 5. No money to be appropriated for religion. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religious [sic], or theological institution, nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious [sic] services in either house of the Legislative Assembly. —

Thereby, the legislature under Oregon Constitution could not pass legislation of any money/like money to religious organizations in the form of savings by tax incentives, property tax adjustments and/or delays for low-income housing development tied to religious or theological institution, or building funds through grant and/or a loan program (the illegal fund scheme which Oregon has become embroiled).

Therefore under the Oregon Constitution the legislative assembly cannot pass HB 2008. I oppose House Bill 2008 as written in its entirety.