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On Behalf Of: Destyroyed Homestead Property Owners  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure: HB3446

HB 3446 Testimony in support on behalf of AOC- Association of Oregon Counties  
House Committee on Revenue

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Walters and members of the  
House Committee on Revenue:

My name is Roxanne Magnuson, My husband's name is Jeff Watson and we wish to  
testify in support of HB 3446.

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Walters and members of the  
House Committee on Revenue:

Re:HB 3446 freezes the property tax for properties that were destroyed by the 2020  
wildfires. Property owners who rebuild are now subject to increased taxation when  
the assessment to their property increases as a result of rebuilding. HB 3446 allows a  
property to freeze that assessment to give some relief to a homeowner when they  
rebuild. The property tax relief will end when the property is sold or no longer used as  
a home.

We Beachie Creek Fire survivors urge support for HB 3446.

We have rebuilt our home and are soon to build a home for Jeff's Mother on a  
neighboring property, which we own, on which all structure was destroyed as well.  
The home we have rebuilt has been taxed this past year, 2021, at about double the  
taxed amount for 2020, before the fire destroyed all the buildings on the property  
except the pump house.

This increase is unfair. Home, garage & storage building total only about 300 feet  
larger than the original buildings which were destroyed by the fire.

Thank You for accepting our testimony with regard to this House Bill.

Jeff Watson

Roxanne Magnuson