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Seniors under low or limited incomes should receive exemptions on property taxes. It is currently a large burden to be able to pay the rising property taxes on homes that were purchased at their original assessed value and that have more than tripled, really pricing seniors out of their homes. Washington state has a program for exemption that should be researched. The current Oregon plan for seniors at 6% is seriously not a good option. Please consider this bill as taxing seniors out of their homes will only further contribute to homeless situations and the ability to find affordable housing. I don't want to sell my home just to live in a lower standard of living after working all my life to have the security if owning my own home.