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Subject: RE: HR 3453

To:

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You asked if Representative Krieger has read the bill. Yes.

Have you?

Did he understand the bill? Yes.

Why did he vote in favor of this bill? Because someone has to take responsibility for the safety of our County.

Did you just take the word of someone that wrote in the paper? There are some people that will tell what they want to make someone look bad, but not tell the complete story. Please be cautious in what you read.

The following is some of the things that I did not see mentioned in the paper.

This is an Act to reduce the loss of life, injury to persons or property and suffering that result from public safety fiscal emergencies. These public safety objectives are to be accomplished by creating cooperation among units of local government and granting the Governor the power to act on behalf of units of local government. This is to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services. The Governor may proclaim a public safety fiscal emergency.

Prior to declaring a public safety fiscal emergency the Governor shall consult with the Senate President, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the House of Representatives, each Senator and Representative whose district is wholly or partially within a county and each sheriff of a county that is proposed to be subject to the public safety fiscal emergency.

The Governor may, on behalf of a unit of local government within the area covered by the proclamation and only after obtaining written authorization signed by a majority of the governing body of each local government

subject to the proclamation, enter into written intergovernmental agreement with any other unity of local government for the performance of functions and activities related to public safety that a unity of local government that is party to the agreement or its officers or agencies have authority to perform.

The Governor shall consult with each sheriff affected by the proclamation prior to executing the intergovernmental agreement.

The state shall bear 50 percent of the cost of public safety services provided under the intergovernmental agreement.

The remaining 50 percent, which may be funded through --

An income tax

A tax on telecommunications services with access to the 9-1-1 emergency reporting system.

Any assessment the county governing body is lawfully capable of imposing, to the extent the governing body determines that the other assessment is necessary to satisfy the count's funding obligation;;

Existing sources of county revenue or

Any combination of funding described in this paragraph.

To carry out the purposes of sections 2-6 of this 2013 Act, counties within the area covered by the proclamation made pursuant to section 2 of this 2013 Act may impose a tax.

A tax imposed pursuant to this section shall require the adoption of an ordinance by the governing body of each county authorizing a tax under this section.

The Governor may not act on behalf of a county governing body in authorizing a tax under this section.

This section does not apply to a county that is subject to a charter that prohibits the imposition of county income taxes.

A public safety fiscal emergency proclaimed pursuant to section 2 of this 2013 Act **terminates after 18 months** unless the Governor extends the public safety fiscal emergency for a stated amount of time up to 18 additional month.

Everyone is saying that we have to do something about public safety, but no one wants to be bothered so they leave it to the Commissioners and then they get very upset when they (the Commissioners) try to come up with a plan. Most people do not know that most of county government is mandated programs mandated by the voters or the state. These mandates have to be met. It is the same as if you have a list of bills in your private life that has to be paid and then someone takes away a large portion of your income. It is an emergency. In this case it is our public safety. We are mandated to have a sheriff, jail, jailor (for each shift), and the people want someone available to come when there is an emergency such as theft, assault, rape, vehicle accidents, need for Search and Rescue and etc. "The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement officer of a county." (ORS 401.035)

If you have a suggestion that you haven't heard that you think is viable please get it back to us.

Thanks for writing

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