

## Written Testimony - Agenda Item 241

Agenda Item	Name or Organization	Position	Comments	Attachment	Created
241	Tom Busse	Oppose	This item is premature, as it presumes that the new property tax levy of the new Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality district proposed on the May 2024 ballot will pass. Furthermore, the Tax Supervisory and Coordination Commission has not held hearings on this proposal or the district's budget. As an alternative to the new tax and new district, I urge study of consolidation of the West and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation districts. The East Multnomah district has so much money it doesn't know what to do with it, and the West Multnomah district primarily taxes downtown Portland residents for land improvements benefitting wealthy large landowners on Sauvie Island. Local leaders and the Governor have issued a three year tax moratorium they are breaking, and my proposal would get the same government work done without raising taxes.	No	03/15/24 4:43 PM