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This report states how the EOZ Energy Overlay Zone https://library.municode.com/wa/klickitat_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT19ZO_CH19.39ENOVZO will be a big benefit to our county with many promises and many of those promises have not materialized. Wind and solar corporations are in business to take advantage of counties like ours and when they'd made all the money they had planned, they will disappear leaving the people with the costly clean-up. The EOZ was created for the benefit of the wind and solar corporations with little concern for the negative impact to the people.

<https://www.wind-watch.org/news/2013/03/03/winds-of-change-blowing-through-wind-power-industry/>

This report illustrates the negative impact to the people's tax when the Klickitat County assessor changed the method of appraisal from income-based to cost-based. The cost-based method gives the wind/solar corporations an 8.5% annual depreciation on their personal property which in turn reduces the tax revenue collected by the county and that tax burden is then shifted to the people. <https://capitalpress.com/2024/12/02/washington-counties-zero-in-on-tax-shift-legislation/> and <https://energycentral.com/news/report-wind-solar-projects-shift-taxes-washington> This continues still today.

The change to the cost-based method of appraisal reduces the tax revenue to the taxing districts.

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These billion dollars energy corporations should be paying all their taxes not shifting them to the people but it's the fault of the Washington legislature who enact the laws which give these greedy ruthless energy corporations all the tax breaks. These corporations make billion\$ while the people suffer. These problems must be corrected.

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