Demand for Services Helps Boost Oregon Property Taxes

| The public's demand for additional governmental services, boosted by population increases, are principally responsible for Oregon's material increase in 1948-49 property taxes over those assessed last year according to a state tax commission analysis released Saturday <br> These property taxes for the 1948-49 tax year aggregate \$77,738, 623.90 as against $\$ 62,181,340.07$ for the 1947-48 tax year or an increase of approximately $\$ 15,556,940$. |  |
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|  | proved by the taxpayers to cope with the increasing school popu-lation and the so-called rural dis- |  |
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| trict system which is in operation for the first time this year. |  |
| for the first time this year. <br> State Average Estimated |  |
| The total cost of local govern- |  |
| the $\$ 30,728,229.34$ state income tax off set, would have totaled $\$ 108$, |  |
|  | $466,853.34$ instead of $\$ 77,738,623$. |  |
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| mately 60 per cent of the total tax going to the schools. |  |
| going to the schools. The $\$ 77,738,623$ for the 1948-49 |  |
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