



## **SB 133**

Testimony for Senate Veterans and Emergency Preparedness

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Since 2003, Tax Fairness Oregon has worked to promote a tax code that is fair, progressive, serves the common good, and is fully enforced.

Our members have told us to work to reduce the percentage of the General Fund going to tax expenditures. Our goal is to stop new expenditures for which funding is not provided. We support direct funding through Ways and Means approved Budgets.

This in no way means we don't support hiring of veterans. My father, my step father, two deceased husbands and my son were veterans, as are several active members of Tax Fairness Oregon. We could support a budgeted program for employers who have demonstrated the successful hiring of veterans, but this program must bear annual scrutiny and analysis just as do most other services of the state.