

Oppose HB 2164

HB 2164 would require licensees to demonstrate and maintain tax compliance as a condition of issuance or renewal of their occupational licensure. A similar bill in the 2013 session would have impacted at least 1 million Oregonians who rely on their licensure to maintain employment. The pilot project showed under 4% of licensees were not tax compliant. HB 2164 would set up additional requirements for all licensees due to the bad actions of a few.

HB 2164 would place the burden on individual licensees to prove they are compliant as opposed to current law allowing the Department to go after bad actors. HB 2164 would set up a new state technology project as well as a communications campaign at the expense of all taxpayers. Questions remain concerning the cost of this system and how the system would function.

Removing the ability for a licensee to obtain their license clearly endangers the ability of the taxpayer to remain employed, making it even more challenging for the individual to pay back their taxes. Licensure is meant as a consumer protection mechanism and should not be used as a tax compliance tool. The answer to tax compliance is not more process or more paperwork but additional enforcement of existing laws. Please join the following groups in opposing HB 2164:

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