

Emailed Testimony

- From: Kris Alman (kris.alman@gmail.com)
- Subject: Oppose SB 1565
- Email:

Chair Barnhart and members of the Revenue Committee,
Please oppose SB 1565.

My two children recently completed their public education, having attended schools in the Beaverton School District. Since the mid-1990s, I've observed that the K-12 revenue pie is allocated to many more initiatives and programs: early education, technology, college credits... and testing.

At the same time, there's less revenue because it takes just a simple majority vote to pass popular tax expenditures. This is wrong.

The Legislative Revenue Office has no estimate of the total revenue loss for potentially qualifying projects of SB 1565. With no expectations of job creation, this expenditure will just erode school funding more.

Tax expenditures create revenue holes that are hard to fill. If a local community wants to support these projects through tax expenditures, the local community should pay for them without raiding the state school funding formula.

Thank you,
Kris Alman

- From: Betsy Salter
- Subject: Please Oppose SB 1565 - for the public record
- Email:

Dear Chair Barnhart and House Revenue Committee Members:

As a PPS parent and Oregon taxpayer, I respectfully ask you to oppose SB 1565. It is irresponsible for the state legislature to be giving away new tax breaks that have not been fully analyzed for their potential costs and benefits. Following are my specific concerns:

- Why are there no job or wage requirements in this bill? Without a public benefit requirement, this bill is simply an incentive for counties and cities to race each other to the bottom chasing the illusion of creating new jobs or higher wages.
- Do we know how these new tax breaks will undercut enterprise zone conditions in the future?
- Are there any limits regarding what kinds of industrial improvements qualify for these tax breaks?
- Will the costs and benefits for this new tax break be reported in the government transparency website?
- Why is the sunset longer than most other sunsets - 11 years out – January 2, 2027?

Taxpayers should pay their taxes and if local jurisdictions want to give businesses tax rebates, they can write them a check.

Ever since our daughter was in preschool in 2004 I have been advocating for adequate and stable funding for Oregon public schools. We are chronically underfunding our schools by \$2B according to the QEM. Oregon has among the lowest graduation rates, largest class sizes and shortest school years in the nation - yet our legislature can't seem to find enough ways to give away our inadequate state revenues.

Please oppose SB 1565.

Sincerely and respectfully,
Betsy Salter
PPS Parent and Taxpayer