

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1565

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Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the House Revenue Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on HB 1565. I am a resident of Washington County and a former member of the Beaverton School Board. I urge you to vote against moving this bill forward out of committee. Not only is there a negative impact to school funding, there is no requirement for jobs to be created in exchange for the tax breaks in this bill.

Please note from the Fiscal Impact statement that “the measure does not provide for DOR to collect fees for expenses they may incur,” and the Revenue Impact Statement states that there will be a loss of revenue to local governments and school districts. School districts are already struggling to fund basic services. To compensate for the inadequate level of K-12 funding in the General Fund, residents of the Beaverton School District voted to pass a local option levy to help reduce class sizes to manageable level. It is not reasonable to further impact school funding when there is not enough in the budget to meet the needs of our students.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this testimony in opposition to HB 1565.

Sincerely,

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