



HB 2156 and 2157 Unequal treatment should be paid for

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At a time when Oregon is facing at \$1.7 billion deficit, why are we considering establishing expedited toll free lines for business owners and CPAs to “. . . call-in with questions about or wish to resolve issues concerning Oregon tax laws or application of Oregon tax laws.”

As minor as it may seem, what these bills do is shift business costs unto the State of Oregon at a time when we should be considering reducing and not increasing our costs. Further they suggest that some folks time is more valuable than others. Why should a business owner get better service from DOR than his employee?

However, the legislator who imagined this benefit has a good money making idea for the state. A “quick service phone line” should be available to anyone in Oregon willing to pay for expedited service.

The revenue generated could more than cover the cost of the equipment and staffing related to the service so that the Department of Revenue is better funded.