



HB 2534 – Establishes a Community Action Leverage Fund

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Tax Fairness Oregon feels the need to raise objections to this proposal, even though we support the concept of creating a special fund aimed at reducing poverty and its impacts. We feel this proposal deserves consideration but is premature at this stage.

The proposed bill does not provide details on how a Community Leverage Fund would be managed or how the purported benefits would be accomplished. In addition, Tax Fairness Oregon notes that Oregon currently does not have sufficient resources to establish new funds and programs on an experimental basis. We cannot support established programs and should avoid creation of new expenditures.

Tax Fairness Oregon considers the concepts embodied in HB 2534 to be worth further consideration but HB 2534 is premature and inappropriate at this time.

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