

March 28, 2017

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Knopp and members of the Senate Workforce Committee,

The Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce represents more than 500 businesses that oppose SB 828. This bill is harmful to our local business economy that is still fragile and struggling to adjust to minimum wage increases and paid sick leave.

Our area is vastly supported by tourism dollars. Tourism businesses or any business in any type of hospitality will suffer greatly. Hoteliers, restaurants, outdoor recreation and attractions. In many cases workers are already juggling two jobs because of the restrictions imposed in the past few years, this will increase that juggling act to a much higher level that prompts additional workforce difficulties and add to the business quandary's of how to hire.

- Please consider the risk and complication that you are adding to our businesses with this tax.
- Please consider the failure of our economy due to less growth in business because of more restrictions placed on them.
- Finally, please consider the failing family structure with this additional burden placed on families already struggling to work to find work.

Sincerely,

Colene Martin, CEO
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