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To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Re: HB 2156 Relating to a method of communication for businesses to contact the Department of Revenue regarding Oregon tax laws

Representative Gomberg: “HB 2156 establishes a program to provide representatives of C and S corporations with a direct phone number and email box to communicate and resolve issues regarding Oregon excise and income tax matters at the Department of Revenue.

This bill, and its companion HB 2157, are the result of recommendations made by a small business workgroup, including our colleague, Representative Smith. This direct line of communication to trained staff at the Department of Revenue will improve customer service for businesses and hopefully streamline solutions to tax matters, which may improve collections.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2156 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”