

From: Emily von W. Gilbert
To: [LRO](#)
Subject: Support testimony for SB 1527
Date: Monday, February 5, 2018 9:10:14 AM

Dear Chair Hass and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

In reference to Section 10 of SB 1527, this committee should repeal the business pass-through. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits the high earning businesses, which are arguably not small. We should be retaining all \$200 million per biennium to help alleviate the myriad unmet needs in our state.

Seeing them every day, I can tell you what some of those needs are. A single shot and a payee service is not enough to make my brother, who has severe schizophrenia, feel safe and cared for. He needs help navigate every aspect of life, most urgently housing. The county services where he lives have been cut back every budget we can remember.

My friend who teaches fourth grade can't keep up with the extra demands placed on her as more and more of her students are becoming homeless, unable to cope with sleep deprivation not to mention home work.

My elderly neighbors are forced into reverse mortgages to patch the gaps between their Social Security and increases in their costs of living, as their children become more dependent on them for childcare, help with transportation, and even housing.

Respectfully,

Emily von W. Gilbert
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From: ethanscarlphone
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Subject: SB 1527
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From: Glen Beckley
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Get rid of the Oregon business owners tax break. Everyone should pay the same taxes!

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From: Helen Hays
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Subject: SB 1527
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Senate Revenue Committee;

Please support fairness about pass-through business income. Just because they own a business should not mean they get a tax break - everyone should be equal. When this break is eliminated, as well as the Oregon tax break on their business income, the money saved could help our schools, pay down PERS, reduce tuition and other uses. Tax fairness addresses income inequality as well.

Our lives begin to end when we become silent about things that matter.

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From: howard rotstein
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whatever you can do to mitigate federal policy and make the tax system fair, do it.

From: Janice Clark
To: [LRO](#)
Subject: SB 1527
Date: Sunday, February 4, 2018 12:51:48 PM

Senate Revenue Committee,

I am writing to ask you to get rid of the personnel tax break on the income of business owners. They should pay the same rate applied to other hard working Oregonians. About 200 million could be saved if this is accomplished which could be spent on schools, reducing tuition, funding understaffed departments, or even paying down PERS liability. The state needs this money which could benefit all of us.

Sincerely,

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From: jbkip
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Subject: SB 1527
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get rid of the oregon personal tax break on the income of business owners in SB 1527. this is in addition to the trump tax break already due to happen. it will save \$200 million a biennium. don't allow SB 1529 to take effect. this will save another \$400 million a biennium. i don't see how these 2 tax breaks for business owners, wealthy and otherwise, benefits EVERYONE.

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From: John Kloetzel
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We in Oregon are not the same as those inside the Washington beltway. We believe in fairness for all. All income is just that: income. Why should it be taxed at different percentages, depending on the 'status' of the taxpayer as a 'business owner' or just plan employee? (Of course, the amount of income being taxed should matter; Warren Buffet is correct that there's no reason his income bracket should be lower than that of his secretary....)

Please keep the playing field level.

Respectfully, Oregonian John Kloetzel.

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From: Leah Gibbs
To: [LRO](#)
Subject: SB 1527
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Chair Hass and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,
In reference to Section 11 of SB 1527, this committee should repeal the Oregon personal tax break on the income of business owners. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits the high earning businesses. We should be retaining all \$200 million per biennium to fund public schools, repair our failing infrastructure, fund programs that benefit our communities and fund ices that work toward promoting the greater good.

Respectfully,
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From: Margot Black
To: [LRO](#)
Subject: SB 1527
Date: Monday, February 5, 2018 1:31:13 PM

Chair Hass and members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee,

In reference to Section 11 of SB 1527, this committee should repeal the Oregon personal tax break on the income of business owners. This legislation, passed in a special session in 2013, primarily benefits the high earning businesses. We should be retaining all \$200 million per biennium to better provide for the basic needs of all Oregonians, especially those most vulnerable to our status quo before even considering cuts to important services and programs as a result of the Trump administration. Oregon has seen strong economic growth in the last decade since the recession, yet this growth has not benefitted everyone equally. We have a responsibility to ensure that our kids, seniors, and other vulnerable community members are taken care of before giving (or retaining) more tax breaks for those that don't need them.

Respectfully,

Margot Black
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