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

I am writing to urge you, and the legislature as a whole, to disconnect from the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the pass-through business tax break. Were Oregon to disconnect from the Code at this point, it would be able to tax pass-through businesses on their full income, instead of only 80% of it. This would raise an estimated \$400 million per biennium. The new federal tax code has added new benefits to business owners. At the same time, the federal government is moving towards weakening the public education system. Businesses in Oregon need educated workers. Our education system is seriously underfunded, and sooner or later this will have a negative impact on the workforce coming out of our schools, if it hasn't already. We need revenue to educate our youth well. Businesses need well educated workers. Why shouldn't the state tax businesses to fund the public education system that produces the workers businesses need?

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