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

The legislature should disconnect from the Internal Revenue Code as it pertains to the pass-through business tax break. I urge you to not allow the new business owners' tax break that the GOP passed to apply to Oregon businesses. This would retain an estimated \$400 million per biennium. Our state is currently experiencing a crippling deficiency of funding, resulting in demonstrable and immense harm to our most vulnerable populations; as a social worker, every day I watch foster care children languish in hotels while their caseworkers are too overburdened to ensure their basic safety and developmental well-being, shelters for the homeless close despite increasing numbers of houseless individuals, and our public schools offer an education far below the national average. At a time of unprecedented wealth and prosperity in Oregon, it is utterly unconscionable that we continuously fail to provide basic social services and supports to those most in need, all while watching a wealth gap explode between the wealthiest and poorest citizens.

Respectfully,

Peter Drummond