

February 8th, 2018

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Health Care
900 Court St. NE | Salem, OR 97301

Re: Multnomah County Support of HB 4139

Chair Barnhart, members of the Committee

We have asked our assessor to review HB 4139, the Heavy Equipment Rental Tax reform bill.

From an administrative perspective, the proposal takes away a challenging aspect of the business personal property tax program, namely identifying taxable property within a county, as of January 1, and shifts to a more common sense approach of assessing a fee or tax at the time of rental. If there is a downside to the bill, it only addresses heavy equipment in the new policy.

Our county assessor assures us the bill is administratively feasible for Multnomah County, and poses no new challenges or costs to implement.