

# Physicians in Private Practice Support the A13 Amendment to SB 1528

President Trump recently signed into law sweeping changes to the federal tax code that significantly change the tax treatment for all individuals and businesses in all industries. Among the many changes in the new law, however, is a discriminatory policy that disproportionately affects doctors and other medical providers in private practice.

The new policy comes in the form of an income deduction for pass-through businesses. The policy does not treat all businesses equally. It selectively allows certain businesses to claim the deduction while forbidding it from others. For some reason, Congress believed engineers and architects deserved special treatment that other service sector businesses, including physicians in private practice, do not.

Owning and operating a medical clinic in Oregon has become significantly more challenging over time. The introduction of large multinational health care corporations in our market is driving many independent clinics out of business. Carving out physicians in private practice from the new policy while providing corporate-owned clinics lower tax rates does nothing but perpetuate the problem.

We understand that Oregon cannot change federal law, but there is an opportunity to avoid doubling down on the same harsh treatment in the state tax code. SB 1528, as currently written, would perpetuate the issue by raising taxes specifically on physicians in private practice while maintaining a tax benefit for others. This would be fundamentally unfair. With that said, we are encouraged by the proposed amendments to SB 1528 that would eliminate the carveout of physicians and maintain the current policy for all small businesses.

**Physicians in private practice encourage you to support the  
A13 amendment to SB 1528.**

