



February 27, 2018

To: **House Committee on Revenue**
Chair, Representative Phil Barnhart
Vice-Chair, Representative Greg Smith
Vice-Chair, Representative Barbara Smith Warner

Re: **SB 1528 B** – disconnect from *federal* pass-through tax – **Support**

The Oregon Conservation Network (OCN) represents xx environmental and conservation groups in Oregon to advocate for Oregon's natural resources. Unfortunately, many natural resource agencies are funded by fees, but they do get about \$200 million in General Funds biennially. Funding for all of Oregon's services could be reduced unless SB 1528 is passed, not only for the 2017-19 biennium, but also future biennia.

OCN understands that any tax proposal should be evaluated with regard to its effect on the entire tax structure and the tax system should recognize responsibility for government services by providing for broad sharing of the tax burden. Our members support many businesses, both small and large, and believe SB 1528 is a fair response to the federal tax bill passed by Congress in December of 2017.

We urge the House Committee on Revenue to move this bill to the House floor this session. Oregon can't afford to lose an estimated \$250 million by connecting to this section of the *federal* tax code.

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