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## Joint Committee on Sole Proprietors

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Senators & Representatives:

OLIS has the SBA's 2018 Oregon report on 2016 incomes for individual small business owners. LFO provided the below public employee compensations from DAS on Friday. Under the tax code, these are close comparisons as the individual owner has to pay for most of the non-wage benefits a public employee gets in non-taxed compensation.

Median income of an Oregon unincorporated sole proprietor is \$21,131.

Median income of an Oregon incorporated small business is \$45,522.

Average compensation for an Oregon teacher is \$87,308.

Average compensation for an Oregon State public employee \$90,408.

This is data from Democrat administrations which suggest the Governor, House Democrats, and Senate Democrats wanted private small business owners to pay more taxes to support public employees earning up to four times more than themselves. It is a regressive tax system on the private poor to pay the public rich who by the data are public employees. Your data. It is not even income distribution but the intentional destruction of small business in Oregon. When the best jobs are government jobs in Oregon, the economy is not sustainable.

Please feel free to share these facts.

Senator Boquist