

Dear Chair Holvey,

I am writing to express my concerns about the impacts of HB 2498. This proposed bill threatens work opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs across the state.

Individuals often choose the 'independent contractor' model because they prefer the greater earning potential and flexibility of being their own boss. HB 2498 discourages entrepreneurship by limiting the earning potential for many Oregonians who are self-employed, including home-grown businesses and those who are just starting out.

The proposed 'independent contractor test' in HB 2498 also threatens existing contracts and work opportunities for businesses that perform work that is similar to the business entity retaining their services. This would result in higher taxes and business costs, less flexibility for those seeking self-employment, and potentially fewer jobs, since many employers would be unable to afford the cost of hiring new employees.

HB 2498 is unfair and harmful to local business. I hope you will support businesses in this state and oppose HB 2498.

Thank you,

Wyatt Baughn