

April 18, 2019

Joint Committee on Student Success
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301



RE: HB 3427

Dear Chair Roblan, Chair Smith-Warner and members of the Committee,

My name is Jerome Rosa, I am the Executive Director for the Oregon Cattlemen's Association. OCA represents nearly 2000 Oregon ranching families. We aim to improve the beef industry while promoting environmentally sound and socially conscious economic practices. Oregon has over 13,000 cattle producers, using 57% of state agricultural lands. Beef is also Oregon's #1 Agricultural Commodity according to the recent Census of Agriculture.

I'm writing on behalf of myself and the Oregon Cattlemen's Association to oppose HB 3427 because high volume – low margin, family cattle ranches will be severely impacted by the proposed tax rate of \$250 + 0.49% of taxable business receipts above \$1 Million.

This tax rate would impact many cattle operations in Oregon that are often strapped with high operating expenses and work tirelessly for slim, if any, profit margins. All Oregonian families involved in production agriculture will face tremendous set back as a result of this tax rate.

On behalf of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, I'm asking you to oppose HB 3427 and the proposed tax rate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerome Rosa".

Jerome Rosa
Oregon Cattlemen's Association