



Taking action for basic human needs.



Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures
Oregon State Legislature
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For over three decades, the Human Service Coalition of Oregon (HSCO) has convened like-minded advocates and organizations to fight for the policy development and resources necessary to support vulnerable Oregonians. We recognize the fiscal challenges facing the Oregon State Legislature as they work to put together the state budget for the 2019-2021 biennium.

We believe that passing the Tobacco Tax proposed in HB 2270 is crucial to the sustainability of the programs that vulnerable Oregonians rely upon. Without the revenue generated by the HB 2270, we are concerned that general fund dollars needed for human services programs will be diverted to fill the budget hole for the Oregon Health Plan. While we fully support adequate funding for the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon's most recent revenue forecast should not result in one critically needed program cannibalizing the others.

Sincerely,

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