



HB 3328-Oppose

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Reschke and Members of the Committee

The Oregon Women's Right Coalition has been advocating for equality for women and girls since the early 1970's. Our original coalition was in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. We broadened our efforts for equality to include long term looks at revenue sources and the programs they can support through the ways and means process.

We oppose HB 3328 for multiple reasons.

Since the effects of Ballot Measure 5 eroded the general fund starting in the 1990's Oregon's legislature has often not addressed the loss of general fund dollars that in the past supported programs other than education. We support education and supported the addition of the CAT tax. Because of BM 5 and 45/57 the transfer of general fund dollars to education has created holes in other budgets that in the past had more general fund support such as the natural resources and transportation areas.

Instead of addressing the problem head on we have created additional revenue streams. In HB 2017 in 2017 we created a payroll tax on employees to fund public transportation. A tax on worker's wages paid by the workers.

The legislature has created tax credits on property that further erode the Education Tax Base.

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