

Good morning this is Tom Cusack in Lake Oswego.

I have reviewed the text of HB3389 and have several initial questions about its impact on the solvency of the trust fund. I am opposed to the bill in the absence of specific information about changes in the trust fund balance and employer taxes. I also note that the bill does not appear to include any increase in benefits for those receiving unemployment insurance.

1. How many employers would benefit from the changes contemplated in the bill and what share of covered employment does that represent?
2. What kinds of properties and securities (of "any kind") are contemplated for crediting to the unemployment trust fund? Would "securities" include bonds issued by the state and if "yes " what kind of bonds?
3. What is the projected year-by-year solvency of the fund and tax rates with these changes versus without these changes? Specifically what changes are there from the just released first quarter 2020 unemployment insurance trust fund forecast (<https://www.oregon.gov/employ/Agency/Documents/Settlement%20Reports/UI%20Trust%20Fund%20Forecast%20Summary%20-%20Mar%202021.pdf>)