

Oregon State Legislature:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 137. I am the President of a small company that employs around 25 people and as with most business owners in 2020 / 2021 it has been a very tough few years. One of the things that allowed us to make it through this unprecedented time was the funds from the PPP loan. These funds allowed us to keep 100% of our staff employed and even allowed us to provide much needed additional living-wage paying jobs during the pandemic.

The last thing that businesses need during this time is additional taxes on funds that were spent to keep Oregonians employed. It makes no logical sense and I can assure you that anyone that was in the position of a business owner during this time would agree with me.

I urge you to reconsider this additional tax burden on businesses that are already struggling during this time. Additional taxes levied on businesses can only translate into one thing - less job opportunities for Oregonians.

Thank you for your consideration.