

Representatives,

The May Revenue Forecast was incredibly strong, projecting a \$2.8 billion positive ending balance. This amounts to a \$1.1 billion increase from the March Revenue Forecast and a \$2.3 billion increase from the 2019 Close of Session Forecast. The state has also been allocated \$2.6 billion in direct financial aid from the Biden Administration's American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, in addition to ARPA funds for local jurisdictions.

In 2013, I served as Chief of Staff for Republican Minority Leader McLane. Senator Ferrioli, his COS, Rep. McLane and I were part of the negotiations during the 2013 Special Session, which included the tax parity policy, aligning small business taxation with Oregon C-corps.

SB 139 is a massive departure from the 2013 "Grand Bargain." It's a step backward in Oregon's job creation strategy - setting arbitrary and debatable standards for what qualifies as a "small business" in Oregon. Further, the bill mandates specific business investment activities that should be left to business owners to decide for themselves - in the best interest of the business and those who are employed.

With billions in additional revenue, it's frustrating to see the legislature take up a "new tax" (as described by the Senate Revenue Chair.

On behalf of the Taxpayers Association of Oregon, Please vote "no" on SB 139.