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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Human Services  
Measure: HB4079  
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Dear Representatives,

This proposed tax is to take effect on the 91st day after sine die. If this is such a wonderful and needed bill, it should be referred to the voters. It is after-all their money you are dealing with. The proposal will be a reason to mount a repeal effort.

The very idea of a sales tax has been repugnant to citizens of this State to the extent that every time the matter comes up the citizens respond with a strong voice of NO. This latest scheme is the worst I have ever seen. With a help wanted sign on almost every business, there is ample opportunity for the "low income" that are proposed for this program to find a job. Even the signs for McDonald's has a starting wage of \$15 an hour. I remember just a short time ago that it was said that every thing will be fine "if we just raise the minimum wage to \$15 an hour." We have reached that level and jobs go begging. This new proposal will be an incentive to not work as this proposed income does not count toward any other income programs from the government. Its just free money. The bill even proposes that an exemption be sought from the federal government so the "new" money would not reduce other programs.

The hook in the program to attend a financial literacy program will likely work as well as the new drug treatment program to avoid arrest for those people that are using hard drugs. That program is not working and neither will this program.

With the adage of "allow the nose of the camel into the tent, soon the whole camel will be inside", once any kind of sales tax is established it will soon expand to cover more and more. An example is the 1/2% "privilege" tax to buy a new car. Here we are with a new proposed luxury tax. The property tax and income tax and the corporations and business tax that was recently added, are causing the people of this state frustration with many talking about leaving the state or becoming part of greater Idaho.

This program may sound sympathetic to the low income people but it will in all likelihood just enable most recipients to continue their life style at the expense of the hard working citizens of this state.

This bill must not pass. Vote to defeat the HB 4079