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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2419

I OPPOSE HB 2419 AS NOT BEING FIDUCIARILY RESPONSIBLE!

Oregon may need to make risky low-interest loans to stimulate small businesses to replace those leaving the state or went bankrupt during covid. The closures weren't discriminatory limited to underserved, and neither should the recover efforts.

The Treasurer is allowed to use 5% of the general fund to fund loans to individuals with an average gross revenue of less than \$5 million over the prior three years. That ties up \$1,472,040,000 in the General Fund for business loans that only brings in 200 basis points below market. At a time when the state is short on funds, is it fiduciarly responsible to limit what state dollars can earn? It states no other qualification than being underserved and not to rich.

Banks have below-market loans already, so if they don't qualify for a bank loan, should the state be extending money to what is perceived as a risky loan when the state has forecasted inflation..