

## House Bill 3158

It's my understanding that Oregon has tripled its budget in the last twenty years. Who in the private sector has tripled their wages? This Bill imposes a specific tax on a minority and yet you use the word "privilege" over and over. When will we be Oregon for Oregonians regardless of our race or occupation or geographic location? Live what you preach!

I consider this a tax on HARD WORKING Oregonians, the ones that get up early and stay up late to finish the task. Who work in the cold, the wet or on hot day to get their jobs done. What do their jobs provide? They provide food, shelter and aesthetics for fellow Oregonians and around the world. Why single out a special "privileged" group to clean up our state? And then put the money into a State Treasury separate from the General Fund, where are its safeguards from being tapped for other uses? Wasn't money from the lotto and gambling "earmarked" for K-12 schools? Yet the Legislature has cut into that for other uses leaving our children behind (44<sup>th</sup> in the nation) and your asking for more. Your not showing a successful track record.

The Legislature's focus for years now is to raise taxes, this is a wrong approach and detrimental to the state as a whole as it will not increase jobs for the future generations. Oregon is so zero growth that there is a consistent flow of companies and young families leaving our state for others. How about a focus on evaluating programs all ready in place for financial responsibility? Find your money there, something every household has to do because our buckets are empty.

Respectfully Submitted

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