

**I OPPOSE [SB 606]**...Nobel Laureate Milton Friedman said, "Inflation is the cruelest tax of all."

**[SB 606]** "Summary: **Establishes Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund** in State Treasury, separate and distinct from General Fund, from which Employment Department must provide grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations for purpose of increasing compensation of and reducing turnover among employees of each recipient nonprofit organization.

...Sets minimum rate at which specified state agencies may compensate nonprofit organizations for indirect costs related to providing services.

...Establishes Task Force on Modernizing Grant Funding and Contracting.

...Specifies membership of task force.

...Requires task force to examine how state's granting and public procurement practices limit wages of employees of nonprofit organizations and make recommendations to Oregon Department of Administrative Services concerning changes to state procurement practices that will support living wages for employees of nonprofit organizations, uniform application procedures for grant moneys, standard contracting language that permits flexibility in contract terms and conditions and multiyear contract terms, sufficient reporting requirements that are commensurate with funding levels and that allow for adequate lead time for changes to reporting required within term of contract, payment models that prioritize full cost recovery and mechanism for ongoing review and evaluation of grantmaking and procurement processes."

Look above at the "Summary of **[SB 606]**." The never-ending, run-on sentence whose conclusion is simple, "Big-government socialist spending must end to vanquish inflation."

Increased wages for "Non-profit corporations" at taxpayer expense is not going to be popular with the taxpayers. I do not support the taxpayer allocations referenced and incorporated in **[SB 606]**.

"Non-profit corporations" have an established management hierarchy who traditionally make higher wages than the lower paid staff hence, the cries for **[SB 606]** wage increases.

Everybody should make more money but one must provide a service that commands more money.

The Fed's Terminal Rate is headed for [6%] in 2023 and will go higher to knock down inflation. Higher wages increases inflation. Higher inflation increases the costs of everything.

Government is actively and intentionally going to increase the number of unemployed people, to drive down wages to lower inflation, to reach a Terminal Rate of [2%], which will take some time.

Our Nation is headed for recessionary times. There is going to be much suffering and the Fed has said several times, "...there will be some pain."

It is time the "Non-profit corporations" consolidate their administrative services before it is too late.

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