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**2023 Oregon Legislative Assembly  
Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on General Government  
Written Testimony related to HB 5034 – Support**

**Date: March 18, 2023**

**To:** Co-Chair Senator Patterson, Co-Chair Representative Smith, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government

On behalf of nearly 4,000 members of the OSCPAs, we respectfully encourage **support** related to **HB 5034**.

**BACKGROUND:**

We understand the importance of a properly funded Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR). Appropriate funding will enable the DOR to continue to provide important service to a variety of individual taxpayers, businesses of all sizes and tax professionals. The DOR's support and service is vitally important.

We are aware of the continuing efforts of the Oregon Department of Revenue staff to enhance communications, assist via call centers, and to obtain feedback from various stakeholders. These efforts provide for various aspects of important customer service which is important to Oregonians and others.

Related, we also urge continued conformity between Oregon and Federal tax code. Supporting conformity, and not disconnecting from various federal statutes and provisions, is in the best interest of Oregon taxpayers and the Oregon Department of Revenue. Without conformity, Oregon must write and maintain its own tax code – a significant and complex undertaking. Not only would this mean that individual and business taxpayers would have to attempt to follow two different sets of tax code, one at the national level and one at the state level, but it would certainly require more time and focus from the Oregon Department of Revenue to maintain the Oregon tax code. We urge support both in approval of DOR's budget and continued conformity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

On behalf of Oregon Society of CPAs, we respectfully encourage you to **support House Bill 5034** and pass the Oregon Department of Revenue budget as presented.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.

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