

13 February 2024

Joint Committee on Transportation

Dear CO-Chairs Senator Gorsek & Representative McLain, Co-Vice Chairs Senator Boquist & Boshart Davis, and members of the Committee;

Re: Senate Bill 1519

Senate Bill 1519 is legislation that is overdue and I urge the committee to pass this legislation. All businesses in the state, especially transportation services can benefit from a break in the weight/mile taxes paid by the transportation industry—which trickle down to shipping & handling charges paid by users of their services, the regular citizenry of Oregon.

Everyone will benefit from the lowering of the weight / mileage tax. And refunds to taxpayers who overpaid weight-mile taxes in recent years will be a double bonus.

It is encouraging to see at least some of our legislators, such as the sponsors of SB 1519, have their constituents interests in mind. The state could use more of this type of legislation rather than, let's say, removing our Kicker, or another state-wide property tax.

I thank the sponsors and supporters of this legislation and hope their efforts prove fruitful. This bill needs to pass.

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner