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Sirs and Madams,

This bill will be a death knell for small and medium businesses currently operating in Oregon. Our tax burden already is at a rate higher than 95%+ of other states, making living and doing business in Oregon difficult at best and worth leaving at worst. If there were and are businesses considering building or expanding a business in our state this bill, along with the current tax burden, will have them consider other states that are more friendly to new or expanding industry.

Please consider revisiting how our budget is spent, how our taxes are designated and how you can actually make this state less of a meme, sarcastic comment or an example of how not to govern. This onerous and unnecessary bill would not even be proposed if taxpayer dollars were better regulated and accounted for. The taxpayers, wage earners, business owners would appreciate the relief.

Consider if the taxes and cost of living were more in line with other states of our size, there might actually be an influx of taxpayers moving to our beautiful state giving us a larger budget with which to improve services.

Lastly, as a legally registered voter in this state, who has rarely missed a chance to exercise my American right to vote, I will NOT vote for anyone that votes for this bill and will work to see that they are not elected again. And as a senior citizen living on a fixed income, this bill and this tax burden will greatly affect my quality of life.

Respectfully, Nona Knauss