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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3166

I oppose Oregon House Bill 3856, which proposes a new personal income tax. This bill would harm Oregon's economy and residents for the following reasons:

- **Increased Tax Burden:** HB 3856 adds to the existing tax structure, increasing financial strain on residents amid rising living costs.
- **Negative Impact on Economic Growth:** A new income tax could deter business investment and reduce disposable income, slowing economic growth.
- **Risk of Outmigration:** High-income earners and retirees may leave Oregon due to higher taxes, shrinking the tax base.

While funding important programs like wildlife conservation is essential, HB 3856 is not the solution. We should improve our current tax system, explore alternative funding, and implement policies to drive economic growth and retain taxpayers. Please vote against House Bill 3856 and support less burdensome solutions that foster long-term economic prosperity for Oregon.