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Dear Chair & members:

SB 1507 has one valuable provision - Section 6 on the Estate tax. However, this provision should be (and has been multiple times) a stand alone bill to correct Oregon's grossly unfair estate tax threshold. It doesn't have to be raised as provided but at least match Washington's threshold which currently is triple Oregon's. The legislature has already been imposing sales tax on some individual items and services and I'm sure this trend will continue. Unless you scrap the income tax altogether, SB 1507 isn't going to fly, in part because of the words, "at least" in front of the 3%. As all of you have just seen with HB 3991, voters are in a foul mood over ever-increasing taxes and fees. The state budget has soared by more than 100% in the past decade while population has risen 10%. The numbers don't align.