



A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

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Chair Nathanson, Vice-chairs Walters and Reshke and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of SB 1507. The Oregon AFL-CIO, the statewide federation of labor unions representing over 300,000 workers across the state in every sector and corner, and a voice for all workers in the legislative process.

Oregon families are paying more to put food on the table, heat their home, see a care provider when they're sick, and more. Let's be clear: all workers – and our economy at large – fundamentally benefit from a society that meaningfully invests in our communities, whether that's making sure that all kids can count on a nutritious meal at school or be able to see a healthcare provider without fear of economic ruin, or that working parents can afford childcare.

I know you all want to live these Oregon values and we're asking you to take bold action to not just accept Federal actions, but work to combat them. SB 1507 helps recoup \$311.6 million in funding for programs that Oregonians care about by strategically “disconnecting” Oregon from automatically mirroring some of the most costly tax loopholes in H.R. 1, the disastrous budget bill signed by President Trump.

To be clear, there is more work to do beyond SB 1507. There is still a larger budget gap to close, and balancing the budget by slashing programs Oregonians rely on is the wrong approach. However, passing SB 1507 is a critical first step in addressing the budget crisis created by H.R. 1.

Balancing Oregon's budget solely on the backs of working families by cutting critical services that workers fundamentally rely on is wrong. The Oregon Labor Movement is asking you to do everything in your power to minimize cuts that will impact working Oregonians by closing tax loopholes and reject some of the most egregious pieces of the federal tax code including ending bonus depreciation, tax breaks for corporations doing business overseas, and opportunity zone tax credits for business outside of Oregon.