

Submitter: Marie Hutchens  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: House Committee On Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

To: House Revenue Committee  
Re: Marie Hutchens  
Date: 2/18/2026  
Re: Support for SB 1507  
Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Walters and Reschke, and members of the committee....

My name is Marie Hutchens, and I am a parent, mother, and care  
Essential state and federal services that millions of Oregonians rely on are at risk of  
severe funding cuts due to H.R. 1 and the Trump Administration's agenda. While  
Oregon faces the loss of billions in federal funds, the wealthiest earners and out-of-  
state corporations stand to gain massive tax breaks. This is unacceptable for our  
state and its people.

If we do not decouple from these federal tax codes, Oregon will be forced to make  
devastating cuts to essential services that millions rely on. Without action, the  
impacts will be severe: Employment-Related Day Care will run out of money by  
January 2027 unless the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks  
will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in  
food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care  
coverage due to the largest funding cut in Medicaid/Oregon Health Plan  
history. These are just a few examples of what's at risk if we remain bound to a  
federal system that prioritizes tax breaks for the wealthy over the well-being of our  
communities.

I support the state disconnecting from the federal tax codes because my great  
grandson is only 2, and his parents run into the problem of affording child care even  
though they both work full time. Subsidized child care would take lots of pressure off  
of the family members who step in to care for him while his parents work. I want  
legislators to know that if we don't fund child care families can't pay their bills. Rent,  
electricity, insurance, even food are all are hard to pay for - and families can't afford  
child care on top of that.

It's pouring in Oregon. I urge you not to bend the knee to the Trump Administration  
and disconnect from the federal tax codes so that Oregonians don't lose the essential  
services we heavily rely on.

Thank you,

