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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507
Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

I've been a middle school teacher in Beaverton for 10 years, and I have a 3 year old. I know the inequities that our students face when class sizes are over 25-28 students, and when we no longer have professional development in best practices in reading and writing. We are experiencing this in the Beaverton School District right now. Budget buys would exacerbate these issues, and add more problems for us to solve with less resources. We can't lose momentum that we've been gaining in fully funding the QEM, especially when multimillionaires and billionaires aren't paying their fair share.

As our voice in Salem, we are counting on you to reject some of the most egregious and costly tax breaks for corporations and the wealthy and prevent cuts to public safety, schools, childcare, and other critical services. That begins with voting yes on SB 1507.

SB 1507 helps recoup \$311.6 million in funding for programs Oregonians care about by "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. But one thing is certain: passing SB 1507 is a critical first step in addressing the budget crisis created by H.R. 1.

The decision before you and your colleagues this session should be clear: Prioritize protecting Oregon families, not further enriching the ultra-wealthy.

Please vote YES on SB 1507.

Thank you.