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

Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

Higher education in Oregon is already struggling due to years of underfunding from our state. We must not carry water for the Trumpist agenda by doing his dirty work for him. Donald Trump wants our schools underfunded so that our citizenry is poorly educated and saddled with so much debt that they have to accept wages that devalue their labor. Failure to pass SB 1507-A will lead to higher tuition, less student support, fewer university jobs, and further degradation of our entire higher education system. Don't fall for this trap. Pass SB 1507-A!

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,
Victor Reyes