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On Behalf Of: Laura Hoffar
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507

To: House Revenue Committee
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From: Laura Hoffar
Re: Support for SB 1507

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Walters and Reschke, and members of the committee....

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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.

Cuts are a terrible idea. If we are student centered and honest, we know that cuts to the state budget will have a huge impact on our school and all schools. We will lose teacher positions which impact class size and ultimately student success and sense of belonging. We will lose school programs and activities that support community and a sense of belonging. We will lose support roles that provide additional resources for both teachers and students. I support disconnecting from Trump's tax agenda because it does not serve our students. I urge lawmakers to fund necessary support for families including but not limited to healthcare, childcare and public education.

Thank you,
Laura Hoffar