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On Behalf Of: Lora Dee
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1507
To: House Revenue Committee
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From: Lora Dee
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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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.

When funding is at risk, our most vulnerable students are the ones who lose the most. As a teacher to early elementary special education students, I know that funding cuts will mean larger classes when my students require smaller groups. I know that finding cuts will also mean less classified paraprofessional staff, who make it possible for me to give students the close support they need. Decoupling our tax structure will be the first step towards truly trying to support Oregon's most vulnerable students. I urge you to vote for decoupling NOW, during this session.

Thank you,
Lora Dee