

To: House Revenue
From: For All Families Oregon
Date: 2/18/2026
Re: Support for SB 1507A

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

For All Families Oregon (formerly Family Forward) supports SB 1507A, which selectively disconnects our state tax codes from the federal tax codes that only serve to pad the pockets of the ultra-wealthy and the billion-dollar corporations that operate outside our state. During a state budget crisis in which essential programs such as child care, healthcare, SNAP, and more are facing devastating cuts, the state must act now to mitigate the harm caused by federal administration decisions.

The state is facing a major loss in federal funding over the next three biennia as a result of H.R. 1, risking the stability of many programs here in Oregon, but especially the Employment-Related Daycare Program (or ERDC), which is our state's largest child-care subsidy program that actively serves over 12,000 families and almost 30,000 children statewide. Separate from the Department of Early Learning and Care's agency \$45 million budget cut from last session, the ERDC program is facing a budget shortfall of up to \$88 million, impacting working families, children, survivors of domestic violence, and child care small business owners.

Child care is the workforce behind the workforce; without the ERDC program, thousands of parents will be forced to make difficult financial decisions that will impact their ability to keep their job, pursue an education, or simply stabilize their lives as the cost of living continues to rise. Child care providers who rely on ERDC risk losing those reliable payments, forcing them to make difficult financial decisions, such as reducing benefits, laying off employees, or, worse, closing their doors to the community that needs them most. Losing this program will devastate the economy unless we backfill the budget shortfall and keep the program stable.

SB 1507 minimally closes tax loopholes for the ultra-wealthy and promotes economic stability for working families, giving the legislature a strategic tool to address Oregon's budget crisis and help protect essential services—like food assistance, child care,



housing, and healthcare—that Oregonians depend on. While we are disappointed by the selected menu of tax code changes, we recognize that more revenue could have been returned to Oregon. We also know that this bill is needed more than ever to mitigate the harm to working families caused by federal decisions.

We urge the legislature to rein in President Trump’s tax breaks for the ultra-wealthy in order to protect funding for child care, healthcare, education, and other critical services that Oregonians rely on. SB 1507A is a small step in the right direction, but lawmakers must do more to prevent devastating funding cuts that will only deepen the affordability crisis facing hard-working families.

Thank you for your consideration.

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