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

Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

My name is Ben Cushing. I'm a Sociology Faculty at PCC and the President of the PCC Federation of Faculty and Academic Professionals (AFT 2277.) I'm writing to urge you to support federal disconnect. I cannot express how crucial it is to reject Trump's attack on our state institutions. Like other crucial public institutions, PCC is already starved for the resources we need to serve our students and support workers. This term, like every term, I have several students in my classes who are living in their cars and facing the myriad crises of inequality. Oregonians are counting on you to be a strong and loud advocate. Please support federal disconnect and protect Oregonians.

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.