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

To: House Revenue Committee

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From: Brenna Bell

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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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

I am a working mother who was very fortunate to find meaningful part time work when my children were young, which kept our childcare expenses down. I know this is not available for many working parents and that programs like the ERDC are essential to support their family in what is an inherently stressful time of life. As the economy makes it harder and harder to make ends meet, reducing financial support for childcare will have very negative impacts on the health and wellbeing of Oregon's families. I urge you to use revenue and reserves to close the \$88 million shortfall for the ERDC program in the Department of Early Learning and Care budget.

Thank you  
Breanna Bell