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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: Lindsay Mcelroy  
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the current legislature fills its \$88 million shortfall; food banks will be overwhelmed as federal SNAP funds are withdrawn, leaving critical gaps in food security; hundreds of thousands of Oregonians stand to lose health care coverage due to the largest funding cut in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'm currently attending school, but I plan to be working in the next year or so and have been looking at the ERDC program to help cover daycare costs while I'm at work. If the program runs out of funding, that would create an issue for me trying to return to work after being home with my kids. I don't know what the alternative would be to find childcare. I don't know what kind of income I'll be making with my job when I go back to work, so it's definitely a program I was counting on in case I needed it. Losing ERDC would prevent me from returning to work, to create a two income household, which would mean a lot for our tax bracket. It would force me to look elsewhere for childcare. It's hard to find quality childcare. This is a vital program, and so many people rely on it in order to be able to work. A lot of single parents rely on it, and without that they don't have a partner to rely on and it would be detrimental to how they make ends meet and send families into greater poverty if ERDC is cut.

Thank you,  
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