

Testimony in Support of SB 1507 A
Oregon School Employees Association
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Co-Chairs and members of the committee,

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.

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.

I believe it makes sense to disconnect from the changes to the federal tax code. I don't believe that they benefit most Oregonians and by making me the change we can fill part of the budget deficit. As a school district accountant for many years, I understand budgets and also understand the many difficult decisions that must be made.

Please vote yes on this bill as it makes sense to me.

Thank you,

Brent Halse

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