

**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.

The instability of the federal tax changes over the last year, and truly the last 9 years of generalized instability at the federal level, make a big difference in the lives of many including my own. My family benefits from IEPs, special education, SNAP, LIHEAP, and more. Oregon is one of a handful of states that give more to the federal government than we receive in return, and I believe that in the current political climate that is no longer a reasonable deal. Disconnecting Oregon from federal tax changes wouldn't solve everything, but it would provide a lot of stability to the state when we need it most.

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,

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