# HB 2456:

## How to raise \$170 million by phasing out itemized deductions for top income earners

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# Revenue Raising Options Using Oregon Itemized Deductions











# Distributional Effects of Cuts and Caps vs. HB2456







# What about charitable contributions and mortgage interest?

#### A "scientific" analysis

# All taxpayers: 1.6 million

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Itemizers: 700,000



# Over HB2456 limits: say 30,000 (2%)



### Bottom Line:

- Number of taxpayers who are affected by, know about, and care about the new phase-out is vanishingly small.
- Even those who care are unlikely to change their behavior regarding contributions or home-buying significantly.
- Charities and their clients will be much better off with HB 2456 than without it.
- So will homebuilders and realtors, since further budget cuts would weaken the economy.
- HB2456 is an effective response to the concerns expressed by charities and others regarding caps.