



Oregon Secretary of State Testimony Supporting HB 2191-5

Secretary of State Dennis Richardson strongly supports cracking down on money laundering, tax evasion, and other financial crimes. The -5 amendments to House Bill 2191 enable the Secretary of State, in partnership with the Attorney General and the Department of Revenue, to shut down fraudulent corporations. These amendments fight fraud, respect due process, and avoid creating unnecessary burdens on Oregon's small businesses.

As amended, HB 2191-5 will necessitate additional enforcement funding for the Secretary of State for one additional FTE, costing \$157,718 in 2017-19 and \$180,249 in 2019-21. These costs would be best addressed by companion bill, HB 2348, which would increase the share of corporate registry fees retained by the Corporations Division and would not increase fees paid by Oregon businesses.

Secretary Richardson appreciates the collaborative work led by Chair Holvey, the Attorney General's office, the Oregon State Bar, and NFIB. Combined with recent federal efforts, HB 2191-5 enables Oregon to take a significant step forward in combating the fraudulent use of shell corporations.

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