From: Hugh Griffiths
To: JCSS Exhibits
Subject: HB 3427 is the wrong approach for Oregon
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Dear Co-Chairs Roblan,

Hello, I'm the Director of Operations at a small trade sector manufacturer in Southern Oregon. We work tirelessly to source materials (finished and unfinished) and services locally projecting the impact of our company to bring jobs and revenue to Oregon. The majority of our revenue streams are foreign sourced. Tariffs are a major concern as we strive to remain competitive. That will change as we react to a gross receipts tax and pivot to protect the company. Gross receipts taxing is a failed concept that has been tried and retired in at least 4 US states and numerous foreign countries. Frankly it presents as a desperate measure destined to change the landscape of small businesses across our state ... possibly down the same road as our lumber industry.
Measure 97 was defeated on the statewide ballot. How many other citizen end runs is the legislature willing to initiate?

Sincerely,

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