

May 25, 2021

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue  
Senator Ginny Burdick, Chair

I am writing today in **opposition** of SB 137-2.

According to Senator Fred Girod, *“Money is coming out of our ears.”* Even Senate President Peter Courtney stated *“This is unbelievable. In all my years at the Oregon Legislature, I have never seen a forecast like this. Oregon’s economy is clearly one of the most stable in the country. We have what we need to deal with the damage caused by the great fire and the pandemic”*

Revenue is strong – considerably stronger than projected. Wages are up. The outlook is good. Sunnier days are ahead. However, the one area still hurting is with businesses – particularly small businesses that have been devastated by closures associated with the pandemic, sometimes unjustly and unnecessarily so. What small businesses across the state need is to be left alone to rebuild, not being required to send more money to Salem to throw on the pile of cash that is already there.

I urge you to kill this bill and bury it deep. Please stand up for or small business people of Oregon.

Thank you,

**Ron Kutch**

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