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HB 4157- Additional Support for Low Income Working Families

Support

Chair Smith Warner, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee

OWRC supports efforts to support low income working families with the one-time payment based on the EITC filings in 2020. As you know the EITC is an effective way to provide low-income families with support that is spent in the local economy. The spending is throughout the state, often with a more pronounced effect in rural areas of the state.

We would support any efforts to extend this benefit to the other low income working families that file their taxes with the ITIN. We have worked with other organizations to allow ITIN filers receive Oregon benefits.

While much has been said about a recovering economy, rarely do the benefits flow to the lowest paid workers. This benefit would help the families of these low-income workers but would also help the local economies.

Rather than many benefits from our economy flowing to higher income households this benefit is targeted to those who are working but have a hard time making ends meet for rent, food and clothing.

Please support this program and extend it to the ITIN filers through the Oregon Worker Relief Fund.

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