

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: Concerned Oregonians
Committee: House Committee On Revenue
Measure: HB2142

Dear Legislators,

My name is Chad Kernutt, I am a hard working blue collar American. I am a husband and father of 3 school aged children. I am the sole provider for my family and my salary is \$65,000 a year. My wife stays home and home schools our children. Due to the Biden Administration's economy changes, the Oregon governments green energy sector changes, and the taxes passed by the Oregon legislature in the last few years, my household has gone from living comfortably and being able to build up our bank account savings every month to being strapped and surviving each month living paycheck to paycheck with no padding in place to be able to build up in the bank. We have had to change the way we live getting our lives down to just the necessities because of how expensive Oregon has become to live in under one party political rule that has become all to tax happy on Oregonians/businesses meanwhile conducting themselves in growingly negligent ways when it comes to wasteful spending and ballooning beaucracies.

Because of hidden taxes continuing to slam everyday Oregonians by way of taxes such as the CAT law which raises the prices on all commodities and everything else we buy, we the average citizens are taking serious hits in our wallets/check books and especially us parents who have other mouths to feed and dependents to take care of. The CAT law should be repealed or done away with entirely to improve our economy and put more money in the pockets of Oregonians/parents. The last thing that should be happening is expanding the ways and areas that lawmakers can apply this tax to hurt Oregonians and parents even further by hitting our finances in the everyday things that we buy and use. It's even more negligent and reckless to be trying to do coming out of a pandemic where many people are hurting and when we have inflation rates and gas prices where they are at thanks to a run away federal government that is running our economy into the ditch.

Back off and please refrain from passing any new taxes and start thinking about repealing and doing away with other taxes that are already on the books. Vote NO on bad bills like HB-2142. Thank you.