



SB 159 Non-profits are not so special as to deserve 10% pricing advantages

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My name is Jody Wisner and I am representing Tax Fairness Oregon, a network of volunteers who advocate a rational and equitable tax code.

It's hard to understand the logic behind this bill. It allows a public body, in making contracts for goods or services for public use to give a 10% pricing advantage to non-profits.

In the best of worlds, a non-profit would logically have lower costs, not higher costs than a profit taking business. So why is the 10% price advantage in this bill make sense?

Non-profit status does not assure that the executives' take home pay is low or that the employees are well paid and well treated. Non-profit status does not assure that the goods or services of a business are of excellent quality.

Non-profit status does eliminate income tax, the CAT, and property taxes. That should be enough.

While some non-profits may deserve the special treatment awarded with this bill, those cases create a circumstance with will allow other businesses to gain an unwarranted upper hand.

We urge a no vote on SB 159.