



Date: March 7, 2023

To: Chair and Members of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee

From: Scott Bruun, OBI

RE: Testimony in support of SB 158 / SALT Entity-level Tax Tool Extension

Chair Meek and Members of the Committee,

I am Scott Bruun, director of tax, fiscal and manufacturing policy for Oregon Business & Industry. OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, more than 80% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians.

OBI Supports SB 158 and the proposed amendments.

We have supported this policy tool since 2021 and believe that matching the sunset date of Oregon's program with the federal tax law sunset date is important for tax planning and compliance purposes.

Beyond the administrative aspects, we support extension of the program as a tool to help small Oregon pass-through entity businesses if they choose to use it. Reducing the tax burden for Oregon businesses, even if slightly, helps offset a little bit of our diminished tax competitiveness compared to other states. Given that the program is revenue neutral to Oregon, we believe that this is an important and easy extension to make.

Thank you.

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