

I OPPOSE [HB 3236]...\$2.85 Million taxpayer dollars for WCA? Hell No!

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[HB 3236] relies upon taxpayer dollars to confer benefits to partners of the Willamette Education Service District who will operate a regional "Career and Technology Education (CTE)" Trade School named The Willamette Career Academy (WCA).

The \$2.85 Million taxpayer dollars has as their main funding source, "The Statewide Education Initiatives Account (SEIA)." The SEIA was created from [HB 3427 (2019)] which squeezes money out of the "state's corporate activity tax."

Problems:

*Once the WCA is "funded," other CTE trade schools will vie for their access to equal SEIA funding.

"WCA programs include cosmetology, health services, diesel technology, construction technology, IT & computer science, and forest product manufacturing."

With the economy slated for a Recession, saving the \$2.85 Million dollars would be more prudent than spending the money.

*There may be Junior College competition for students in CET training in, "IT & computer science and health services."

**The "Willamette Education Service District (Willamette ESD) partners with Mountain West Investment Corporation to operate WCA. Industry partners in offering the program include the Pape group, Freres Lumber Co., and Salem Health."

***The SEIA, as previously stated, is funded out of the "state's corporate activity tax." *All corporations pay a "corporate activities tax"* yet, *only the "partners" may derive a direct benefit* from their relationship with WCA.

***The WCA creates a steady flow of a trained pool of potential employees to sustain their profitable businesses.

The Pape group will certainly benefit from potential employees trained in, "Diesel technology and IT and Computer Science."

Salem Health will benefit from potential employees trained in, "Health Services."

Freres Lumber Co. will benefit from potential employees trained in, "forest product manufacturing."

Mountain West Investment Corporation is a "High-end Real Estate Development" entity.

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Mr. Oregon Concur and says, "WCA doesn't produce Realtors so why, Mountain West Investment Corporation?"

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