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Please support SB 5506 which will help support funding programs that will help increase the participation rates for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). Oregon leaves millions of dollars of federal funds on the table unclaimed each year due to both the lack of technical assistance and tax preparation services for the a state's most needy. This bill will help get those services to these individuals. These funds average \$2,100 year per family, plus about a 9% State match, and can be the difference in paying the rent or living on the street. Thus is one of the nation's most successful programs in breaking the cycle of poverty in America and Oregon. Thank you for your efforts and support. Ken Thrasher