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SB1520 2024 exempts payment resulting from jury awards relating to the 2020 wildfires.

As you know SB 1520 tax exemption ends Jan 1 2026. There is a strong need for SB 587

My Mom, my business and I were subjected to the gross negligence of PacifiCorp and suffered a total loss of our riverside home, a triplex, and historic home (my most valuable business assets). It has been 3 years since PacifiCorp was found liable and grossly negligent yet they have made no payments toward the settlement. They continue to deflect, deny, delay, appeal and play politics.

As we go into the third year of damages trials it is clear by their actions that PacifiCorp has no intention to resolve this liability in a timely manner.

SB 587 2025 will allow the intended tax exemption to be relative to the date of the event (wildfire) rather than letting the tax exemption expire before any of the litigants have been compensated.

I strongly support this bill.

-Sam Drevo