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TO: Chair Nathanson, Co-Chair Reschke, & Members of the House Committee on Revenue
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

FROM: Laurie Kimmell, MSgt, USAF (Ret.)

SUBJECT: HB 2528

ATTENTION: FOR ALL REVIEWING AUTHORITIES

1 .This bill represents excessive authority granted to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). This impacts hard working Oregonians, retirees, and Oregon family businesses. This bill is not about public health but, is about taxation. The ability to tax by OHA bypasses the voters and an elected legislative body.

2. Oregonians do not need an un-elected entity to have the ability to tax and decide what is best for Oregonians. There are not any checks and balances in this bill to regulate taxation or the committee. Oregonians rank # **3 in nation** as the poorest due to high taxes (personal income tax, property tax, CAT tax) personal income shrinks. Oregon State government is ranked *fourth biggest in the nation measured by per capita spending*. Oregon has more tax cash than 46 other states.

3. This bill has the appearance of taxation without representation and violating free will. Do we really need an unelected entity taxing Oregonians?

Thank you,
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