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I'm a sixth-generation Oregonian who returned home after living in the south for more than a decade to start my own business as a marketing consultant. I'm living in a rural community while getting my business off the ground because cost of living is more affordable out here (than in nearby cities), but HB 2025, and especially the RUC, will decimate budgets for individuals like me who have to travel long distances to either meet clients or get to the airport, or even run errands. Oregon is already renowned as an unfriendly environment for businesses.

Just this week, Dutch Bros announced it is relocating to Arizona; this, following Keen Footwear's moves to shut down its Swan Island manufacturing facility and relocate to Kentucky. Small business owners and entrepreneurs like me will be forced to follow suit if we simply cannot afford to live, eat, move, or function in this state because of suffocating tax increases like those proposed in HB 2025. Regardless of your political affiliation, I plead that you consider Oregon's future as a place where people can afford to remain economically solvent. Please vote NO on HB 2025.