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In Support

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To: Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue.
From: Shaun Donaghue, CPA

Dear Chair Broadman and members of the committee,

I am a practicing Certified Public Accountant (CPA) from Portland, Oregon. I lived and worked in Oregon for my entire life.

I would like to comment specifically on the matter of the Oregon Pass Through Entity Elective tax (PTE-E) extension beyond 2025, which looks to be addressed in SB 1510-1 amendment. I am in favor of passing amendment 1 in SB 1510 to extend the PTE-E Tax. I work daily with small business owners all over Oregon and over the past few years, the PTE-E has been vital in making sure they don't go backwards financially at home. They have been hit hard by supply and staffing costs, which has permanently increased their overhead. On top of that, the additional taxes they now pay towards things like the Corporate Activity Tax, Supportive Housing Services Tax, and Preschool for All Tax all have chipped away at their ability to make progress. Many of the clients I work with have six figure student loan debt, which they need to be concerned about as well. As far as I understand it, the Oregon PTE-E tax is revenue neutral for Oregon. But the ability for a small business owner to make the PTE-E tax payments will help lower their federal income tax liability, sometimes significantly. Not extending the PTE-E Tax would be another blow to small business owners, sending more money to the IRS, which would otherwise be spent locally in Oregon.

Thank you for your time and consideration