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Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my vote on House Bill 3401.

I believe it is important for us to ensure there is equity and progressivity within our tax code. That is why, during the 2017 session, I supported shrinking the pass-through deduction to ensure that the benefit was meeting its original goals. I have also strongly advocated for structural reforms to our outdated and unfair tax code so that we can finally make the needed investments in our schools, health care, public safety system, and other vital state services.

I believe Gov. Brown's goals with this special session are correct. While the pass-through deduction is in place, we should ensure there is equity within the system, and those small businesses not currently being captured should be included.

Heading into the 2019 legislative session, I am committed to fighting for structural revenue reform, which includes a serious review of the pass-through structure. It is vitally important that we ensure the services and programs that Oregonians value, like quality public schools, health care and public safety, are properly funded and everyone is paying their fair share.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Williamson