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<u>Senator Winters statement on signing of</u> <u>the small business tax increase</u>

SALEM, Ore. - Senator Jackie Winters (R-Salem) has released the following statement regarding Governor Kate Brown's announcement that she will sign <u>Senate Bill 1528</u> into law, which will increase taxes on small businesses.

"The right thing to do would be to veto this partisan tax increase on small business," said Senator Winters. "Start-ups, mom and pop shops, and young entrepreneurs are doing great things for Oregon, but the majority party insists on passing an unfair tax increase that will stifle their growth, and harm the very Oregonians we should be helping. There is no budgetary need to raise taxes on small business."

SB 1528 had no Republican support in the House or the Senate, and was quickly passed through the 2018 legislative session despite heavy opposition. Th bill was started in the Senate instead of the House, like most traditional tax increases, setting up a future legal challenge.