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## QuickPoint! – Oregon Small Businesses Deserve the Tax Break They Expected

By Steve Buckstein

While most Americans are reaping the benefits of the recent [federal income tax cut](#), the Oregon legislature has just [passed SB 1528](#) on a partisan vote that could deny several hundred thousand Oregon small businesses an equivalent state income tax cut they should expect.

Proponents of the bill argue that some of these businesses already got a state income tax break in 2013 and therefore shouldn't benefit any further. But fewer than ten percent of the businesses the bill will hurt got that break. More than 90 percent won't get any state break if Governor Kate Brown signs the bill.

Oregon is a small business state. Many are family businesses that depend on their business income to support their households.

Governor Brown says of the bill, "We're looking at the implications for Oregon's small businesses and Oregon's economy." She has until mid-April to sign it into law. Small business groups like [NFIB](#) are urging her to veto it.

If she does sign the bill, opponents might gather signatures referring it to voters in November. And hundreds of thousands of those voters will be the very people the bill impacts.

Oregon [doesn't need more tax revenue](#) from small businesses to balance its budget, and giving them a tax break should be good for our economy. If you agree, call the Governor at 503-378-4582 and ask her to veto SB 1528.

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