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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2015 Session
of Oregon Legislature:**



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Oppose: HB 2158

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially opposes HB 2158, which provides for increase in income and corporate excise tax rates if high school graduation rates fall below certain percentage.

This bill would appear to reward failure by schools. If schools statewide perform badly enough (65% high school graduation rate), then the Oregon state income tax rate goes up so schools can receive more money.

Adequate funding of schools should certainly not be dependent upon demonstrated failure of the education system. The education system should not be required to show abject failure before being improved.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

