



Rep. Greg Barreto's Newsletter

Special Session Update

May 21, 2018



Dear Friends,

Today, Governor Brown will convene a special session she called to supposedly cut taxes for small businesses.

Sounds great, doesn't it? But the truth is much different: **Governor Brown is using this expensive special session as nothing more than an election-year gimmick to distract voters from the \$1 billion tax hike on small businesses she signed into law last month.**

What would you do if someone stole a dollar from your pocket and gave you a nickel in return, and then wanted praise for their generosity? This is a political theater, plain and simple.

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That's exactly what Governor Brown and Democrats in the legislature are doing to small businesses: taking \$240 million from 250,000 Oregon small businesses and giving just \$11 million back to a handful of select small business owners. Now this should not be applauded as such a great deal! It remains a crummy deal overall.

That's why Governor Brown and Democrats in the legislature should use this taxpayer-funded special session to repeal her \$1 billion tax hike on small businesses.

Our state government has more taxpayer dollars to spend than ever before, but they're still raising taxes on small businesses by \$1 billion over the next 4 years and beyond. The legislature should use this special session to get their priorities straight and repeal the tax hike on all small businesses, but that is not in their nature. Nor is it in their nature to cut spending.

In Elgin we are losing 90 jobs due to the closure of the Boise Cascade stud mill facility. Where are those dedicated workers going to find jobs? Why would anyone want to grow or open a new business in Oregon with this continual tax, spend and regulate attitude we continue to see coming out of Salem? We need to make it easier for our job creators to grow and create quality local jobs in our communities. That means supporting Main Street by offering them the same tax break small businesses receive in other states.

Will I be voting for HB 4301? Yes, I will, but only because it does give a small tax break to some small businesses in Oregon and any break, no matter how small, helps.

Standing up for businesses in Oregon,



Representative Barreto's Committee Assignments for the 2018 Session

Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
Business and Labor Committee
Rules Committee
Economic Development and Trade Committee

OLIS

Oregon Legislative Information System

OLIS is a new, web-based system that the Legislature uses to make information more

accessible.

[OLIS User Manual](#)

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