# Oregon Tax Reform and The Commercial Activities Tax

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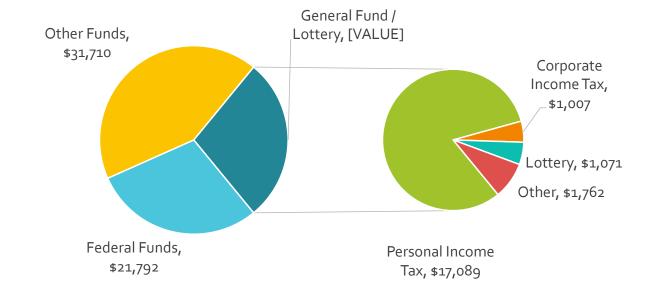
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### Outline

- Oregon's revenue system
- Our history of tax reform work
- 2017 Efforts and the CAT
- Next Steps

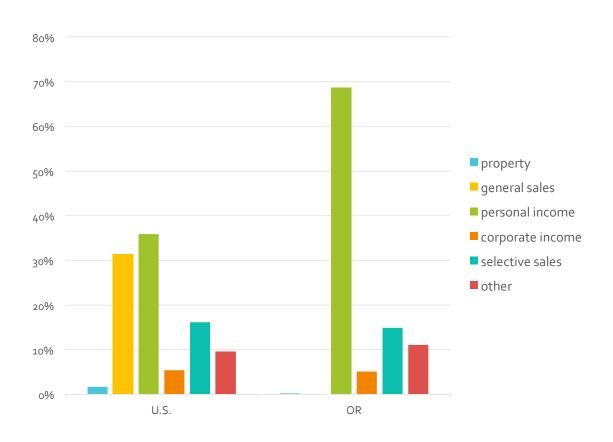
# The Oregon Revenue System

All Funds: \$74,432 Million



# State Taxes By Source

(Fiscal Year 2013-14)



# Biennial Revenue Change



## Revenue Reform History

- 1990s
  - Reduction and limitation of property taxes
  - 9<sup>th</sup> rejection of a sales tax
  - Governor's review of tax system
- 2003-4: Rejection of temporary tax increases
- 2008: Legislative Committee of Revenue Restructuring
- 2009-10: Increase Personal & Corporate Income Taxes
- 2013: Reduce income tax rates for certain pass-thru entities
- 2015: LRO Report Restructuring Oregon's S&L Revenue System
- 2016: Ballot Measure 97

# The Search for Adequacy, Equity, & Stability

- Property Tax
  - Reductions in 1990s
- Sales Tax
  - Defeated 9 times
  - Declining tax base
- Income Taxes
  - Personal and Corporate (volatility)
  - 2% Surplus Refund (Kicker)
- Business vs Household burdens
  - Perspectives on fair share (2016 Ballot Measure 97)
  - Corporation vs business
  - Role of sales tax

# Legislative work in 2017

- Session Work
  - House Revenue
  - Bicameral workgroup
  - Joint Committee on Tax Reform
- Examples of Information Sources
  - Council on State Taxation
  - National Tax Journal
  - Tax Foundation
  - Ohio Tax Reform Task Force
- State Comparisons & Examples
- Simulations & Modelling

COST Study on Business Taxes

FY 2015

Business Taxes	U.S.	Oregon
Property	36.5%	35.9%
Sales	21.3%	
Corp Income (Includes GRT/VAT)	9.5%	10.3%
Unemployment	6.5%	15.5%
Excise Taxes	5.7%	13.9%
Pass Through Income	5.5%	10.1%
All Other	15.1%	14.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Business Taxes as Share of State & Local Taxes	44.1%	37.2%
Business Taxes as a Share of Private Sector GSP	4.6%	3.6%

### Business Tax Reform Framework

- Broad base and low rate (minimize economic distortions)
- Destination based (competitive position for exporters)
- Simplification (eliminate the C-corporation income tax)
- Balance treatment across different business entity types
- Increased stability for the General Fund

# Business Tax Base Options

Tax Base	Strengths	Weaknesses
Corporate Income Tax	<ul> <li>Companion to Personal Income Tax</li> <li>Potential to export the tax</li> <li>Destination based apportionment</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complexity</li> <li>Narrow base / volatility</li> <li>Slow growth</li> <li>Nexus standards</li> <li>Tied to federal policy, tax base</li> </ul>
Value Added Tax	<ul> <li>Tie to benefit equity standards</li> <li>Broader base</li> <li>Avoid pyramiding</li> <li>Avoid Corporate nexus standards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Origin base creates competitive risk for exporters</li> <li>Few operational examples</li> <li>Partial shift to consumer</li> </ul>
Gross Receipts Tax	<ul> <li>Broadest base</li> <li>Destination based</li> <li>Avoid nexus issues</li> <li>Ability to draw experience from other states</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Potential for pyramiding</li> <li>Partial shift to consumer</li> </ul>

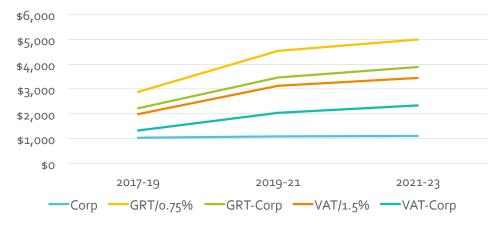
# Types of Analysis

### Source Data

- Oregon Data
  - C- & S- corporation sales
  - Sole proprietor gross receipts
  - Partnerships, LLCs

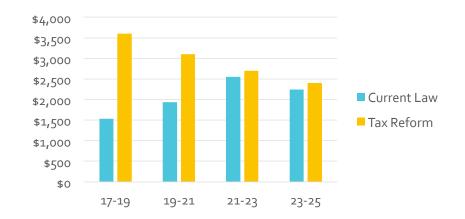
- Ohio CAT
  - 2009-2016
  - By size, gross receipts
  - By sector
- Washington B&O
  - By size & sector
- Adjusted to Oregon
  - Gross State Product



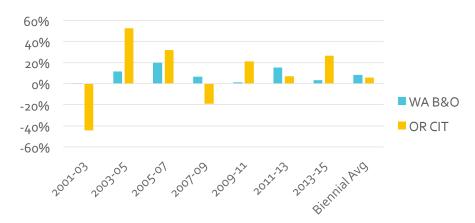


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### Stability % Change



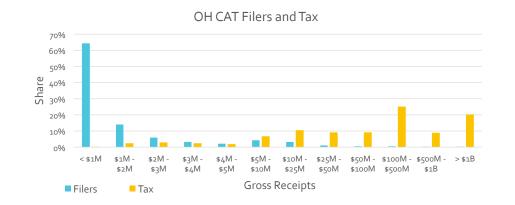
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#### Simplified Examples of Trading CIT for CAT, M

### Examples

		Cost of			Taxable			
		Goods Sold	Sales	Margin	Income	Income Tax	0.75% CAT	Difference
C-corporation	Retailer	\$315.1	\$500.0	2%	\$10.0	\$0.749	\$3.743	\$3.0
C-corporation	Manufacturer	\$392.8	\$750.0	3%	\$19.9	\$1.500	\$5.618	\$4.1
Sole Proprietor	Retailer	\$0.5	\$0.8	9%	\$0.1	\$0.006	min tax	
Sole Proprietor	Construction	\$2.2	\$5.0	18%	\$0.8	\$0.076	\$0.030	
Partnership	Law firm 10 partners	\$4.1	\$50.0	27%	\$13.6	\$1.019	\$0.368	
S-corporation	Consulting firm 10 shareholders	\$30.0	\$75.0	13%	\$9.8	\$0.718	\$0.555	
C-corporation	Software Designer	\$33.6	\$245.0	5%	\$12.1	\$0.908	\$0.743	-\$0.2
	(All costs in OR; Sales are \$: Software Designer (All costs in ID: Sales are \$1	\$33.6	\$245.0	5%	\$0.0	\$0.000	\$0.743	\$0.7

### Distribution



# Dynamic Analysis -OTIM

#### HB 2830 -3 Simulation

(effective 1-1-2018):

6/14/2017

- 1. Eliminate Corporation Income Tax
- 2. Create a Commercial Activities Tax (\$250 + 0.48%/.75%/.25%/.35%/.15% of sales > \$3 million)
- 3. Include 25% CAT credit for PTEs
- 4. Change PIT rates from 5/7/9/9.9 to 4/6.75/8.8/9/9.9
- 5. Repeal preferential tax rates for PTEs
- 6. Increase EIC to 10%

	2018 Levels			
	Baseline	New Equilibrium	Change From Baseline	Percent Change
Private Sector				
Nominal Personal Income (\$M)	\$197,714	\$197,736	+\$22	+0.01
Nominal per capita Personal Income (\$M)	\$47,075	\$47,062	-\$13	-0.03
Employment (Thousand)	2,590.7	2,593.7	+3.0	+0.12
Population (M)	4.200	4.202	+0.002	+0.04
Investment (\$M)	\$16,477.31	\$16,515.91	+\$39	+0.23
Wage Index	100.0	99.80	-0.20	-0.20
Return to Capital	100.0	100.06	+0.06	+0.06
Price Levels	100.0	100.15	+0.15	+0.15
Public Sector				
State Spending (\$M)	\$27,966	\$28,347	+\$381	+1.36
GF Revenue (\$M)	\$8,759.52	\$9,141.57	+\$382	+4.36
OF Revenue (\$M)	\$19,206.36	\$19,204.97	-\$1	-0.01
Local Govt Revenue (\$M)	\$17,002.88	\$17,017.63	+\$15	+0.09
Federal Tax Paid by Oregonians (\$M)	\$35,913.27	\$35,932.42	+\$19	+0.05

Static Revenue Impact (\$ Millions)	+\$383
Dynamic Revenue Impact (\$ Millions)	+\$12
Net Revenue Impact (\$ Millions)	+\$395
General Fund Change (\$ Millions)	+\$382
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Other Funds Change (\$ Millions)	

#### Total Real Disposable Household Income

		Baseline (\$M)	New Equilibrium (\$M)	Difference (\$M)	% Difference	Change in Number of Hholds	Mean Income Change per HH (\$)
-	Above \$205,869	\$35,666	\$35,497	-\$168.3	-0.5%	-180	-\$1,105
	\$137,246 - \$205,869	\$31,411	\$31,322	-\$88.4	-0.3%	-166	-\$346
	\$102,934 - \$137,246	\$24,463	\$24,407	-\$55.7	-0.2%	-90	-\$237
	\$68,623 - \$102,934	\$29,974	\$29,917	-\$56.7	-0.2%	6	-\$183
	\$48,036 - \$68,623	\$19,776	\$19,755	-\$20.9	-0.1%	222	-\$143
	\$34,311 - \$48,036	\$13,383	\$13,384	+\$1.1	0.0%	401	-\$125
	\$20,587 - \$34,311	\$11,714	\$11,723	+\$8.3	0.1%	476	-\$89
	Less than \$20,587	\$9,867	\$9,853	-\$14.0	-0.1%	24	-\$65
-	TOTAL	\$176.253	\$175.858	-\$394.7	-0.2%	693	



- Metrics of Interest
  - Personal Income
  - Employment
  - Investment
  - Wage Index
  - Price Levels
  - Household Incidence

### What's Next?

### **Open Questions**

- Insurance Companies
- Financial Institutions
- Pass-Thru Entities

### Into 2018 and 2019

- 2018 Ballot Measure
  - Initiative 27
  - Other?
- Interim legislative work
  - Volatility and reserve fund management
  - C-corporation changes
  - Pass-thru entities

# For More Information

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