

House Taxation Committee  
Written Opposition Testimony  
HB 2023  
Mr. Bob Carmichael

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee I oppose HB 2023 for the simple fact it makes it more difficult for my small business to hire additional employees.

I am an owner in a local restaurant where we typically hire 48 to 50 employees. I have found over the years we are often people's first job and many people's second chance job. We have hired over 35 women who are trying to regain their lives' balance through the prison work release program. Many of these women have gone on to take high paying and more skilled jobs elsewhere and build meaningful lives.

HB 2023 increases my costs and impacts my companies' ability to take additional risks on new employees. For my business, the current tax model has helped. Raising taxes, even making them retroactive, seems like an obvious harm to our overall economy and will make it more difficult to run a meaningful business.

For these reasons, it is my opinion HB 2023 is unnecessary and I'd urge you not to support the measure.