

HB 2819:

Leave No Worker Behind

All workers, no matter our place of origin, should be able to earn enough to care for our families.

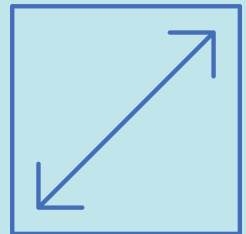


The EITC boosts worker economic security by helping families afford the basics

Some jobs pay too little for workers to make ends meet and support their families. The goal of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is to strengthen the economic stability of workers by raising their take-home pay, helping their families pay for essentials.

The EITC must cover all income-eligible workers, including ITIN filers

The EITC currently excludes certain workers, many deemed essential, across agriculture, food processing, retail, and construction sectors. These essential workers have been disproportionately impacted by the pandemic due to racial inequities across the state. This includes 34,000 Oregon families—predominantly Latino or Asian Americans—who file their taxes using an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN).



Ending the ITIN exclusion promotes racial equity and makes our tax system more equitable

Under current policy, the EITC is denied to everyone in a household if even one member files their taxes with an ITIN. Passing HB 2819 means that 90,000 U.S. citizens living in mixed-status households in Oregon will benefit from the EITC, most of whom are children.

Support HB 2819—Ensure the EITC benefits all workers

HB 2819 allows all income-eligible workers in Oregon to claim the state's EITC, regardless of how they file their taxes (~\$10 million per biennium as included in the Governor's Recommended Budget) and gives an additional financial boost—and strong equity feature of this bill—to make up for what the federal credit denies ITIN filers (\$52 million per biennium).

