



Jason Atkinson

Senator Jason A. Atkinson Legislative Update
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Sen. Atkinson Stands Up for Taxpayers

This morning the Senate passed HB 2157 which disconnects Oregon's tax code from the federal definition of taxable income. HB 2157 was rushed through the Oregon Senate because once President Barack Obama signs the federal stimulus bill HB 2157 would be a tax increase requiring a 3/5 vote. Forcing passage today allows Democrats to need only a simple majority.

Currently, Oregon's definition of taxable income mirrors the federal definition. The federal stimulus bill is expected to change the definition of taxable income. These changes will give businesses a greater deduction for bonus depreciation and expenses. In addition, the federal stimulus will likely include tax relief for those receiving unemployment checks. In order to prevent these new federal rules from affecting Oregon's revenue, the governor asked the legislature to cut this connection and freeze Oregon's current definition. But to the detriment of Oregonians and their businesses, this will prevent Oregon from getting the full benefit of federal tax relief.

Jeff Mapes, "Atkinson ready to throw his cane into the ring" ---

"Republican State Sen. Jason Atkinson was in the process of setting up an exploratory committee for governor last summer when he was accidentally shot in his right leg in a bizarre accident in his garage. Atkinson, an avid cyclist who once raced professionally, had dropped a small bag from a friend's bike that contained a derringer that fired when it hit the floor.

That exploratory campaign went by the wayside while the Central Point legislator recovered from an injury that required multiple surgeries. Atkinson, 38, made it a point of pride to outpace his doctors' expectations and is now gamely hobbling around the Capitol with a cane..."

Jackson County's Lincoln Day Dinner

On Saturday, February 7th, Sen. Atkinson spoke at the Jackson County Lincoln Day Dinner. He spoke on bringing the ethic of service back to politics.

Things to Come...

Happy Birthday Oregon! - On Saturday, February 14, Oregon will be celebrating its 150th year as a state. Sen. Atkinson will be taking a leading role in the celebration taking place here at Oregon's Capitol. Come watch him help cut the 5-foot cake! For more information on celebrations at the Capitol and around the state, [click here](#).

Critical Care Nurses Association - On Friday, February 13, Sen. Atkinson will be speaking at the celebration of the Pacific Crest Regional Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses in Medford. The purpose of the evening is to recognize the hard work and skill of the nurses who take care of people during the most terrifying moments of their lives. He was invited to speak by one of the nurses he met while recovering from his accident.

Josephine County's Lincoln Day Dinner - Josephine County Lincoln Day dinner is scheduled for 5:30pm on Feb 21 at the Grants Pass Golf Course. Although Sen. Atkinson is not able to attend, he will be giving an insider's tour of the Oregon Capitol via video. For tickets, call Kaye at 541-450-1408

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