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**Business leaders repeat call for CAT relief amid Student Success Act freeze**

**Salem, Ore.** - The COVID-19 Response Business Coalition issued the following statement this afternoon following Governor Kate Brown's press conference:

"When the Oregon Legislature passed the Corporate Activity Tax last year, Oregonians understood that it was intended to fund targeted investments in education through a program known as the Student Success Act. Today, Governor Brown announced that her administration has ordered school districts to freeze hires they had planned to make as part of this program in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. Given that at least a portion of this program has apparently been put on hold and that funding grants have not yet been approved, we urge Governor Brown to similarly put the Corporate Activity Tax on hold by delaying its implementation immediately. This action is within her power and is vital to protecting thousands of Oregon businesses that are struggling to survive and the countless jobs that depend on them."

Click [here](#) to review Governor Brown's remarks related to the Student Success Act.

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