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TINA KOTEK SIGNS \$311 MILLION TAX HIKE INTO LAW
SNUBS HER OWN PROSPERITY COUNCIL

Canby, Ore. – Yesterday, Oregon's failed Governor Tina Kotek signed [Senate Bill 1507](#) into law, increasing the tax burden on local employers by \$311 million, snubbing businesses and [ignoring the advice](#) of her own Prosperity Council. **Sen. Christine Drazan (R-Canby)**, candidate for Oregon Governor, [called on Kotek to veto the business tax hike in March](#). This morning she released the following statement:

"Tina Kotek is throwing gasoline on the fire she started with her newest tax hike, giving Oregon businesses another reason to leave our state. Our business climate is among the worst in the nation and we can't afford to push employers out who have chosen to stay. Oregonians deserve to live in a state where their jobs are secure and businesses can grow and thrive."

Kotek's own Prosperity Council commissioned a recent statewide survey of 1,000 Oregonians and [found](#) "a clear and consistent message" that high costs, taxes, and regulations are hurting businesses. They [warned](#) about the dangers of signing this bill and how it would hurt businesses. But she signed it anyway.

Kotek's impact on Oregon businesses:

- Business taxes [increased by \\$3.4 billion, a 77% hike](#), between 2019 and 2023 when Kotek was Speaker of the House and Governor.
- Oregon's business [tax burden exceeds other states by an average of 12%](#) according to an EY analysis.
- The state's business climate has been collapsing under Kotek with Oregon ranked [39th for Top States for Business](#), an 11-place decline from the previous year.
- Oregon is currently [facing](#) a 12-year high in business bankruptcies, which increased by 25% last year.
- An October study found that Oregon ranks as the [5th worst state for jobs](#).

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