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Testimony of Rep. Benjamin Hymes

LD 1363, "An Act to Exempt Resident Minors' Income from Income Tax" *Before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

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Good morning, Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation.

I am Representative Benjamin Hymes, proudly representing House District 38. I am here to present **LD 1363, "An Act to Exempt Resident Minors' Income from Income Tax"**.

This bill is quite simple. It eliminates the requirement for minors to pay state income tax on earned income.

I believe this proposal offers several key benefits: it encourages youth to work, allows them to keep their hard-earned money, and helps them build a strong financial foundation. Minors cannot vote, serve in the military, or influence how their tax dollars are spent—so they shouldn't be taxed.

If our government depends on revenue from children, it is time to question how well the system is working.

Thank you for your time, and I am happy to answer any questions.

Benjamin Hymes
State Representative