

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Action: Do Pass  
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0  
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler  
Nays: 0  
Exc.: 0  
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Meeting Dates: 5/11

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Exempts individuals under the age of 17 from obtaining a business license if the individual operates as a sole proprietor under the individual's own name.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of the measure
- Threshold for obtaining a business license

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** SB 469 establishes an exemption for minors under the age of 17 from obtaining a business license from their local jurisdiction, or the state, if they are engaging in a business activity in which they are operating as a sole proprietor. The measure does not exempt any law, rule, or ordinance that requires a license, certificate, registration or other authorization to conduct a business activity that is subject to regulation.

A number of Oregon cities have general business licensure requirements either for the purpose of revenue or regulating business activities. Requirements for obtaining a license and exemptions differ from one city to another. For instance, the City of Bend does not require a business license for any service business, such as a lemonade stand, if the owner is less than 18 years old, and several cities explicitly exempt babysitting businesses from obtaining a business license. The City of Portland does not require a business license from any business grossing less than \$50,000 per year.