

75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

MEASURE: SB 469
CARRIER: Sen. Atkinson

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 5 - 0 - 0
Yeas: George, Schrader, Starr, Verger, Metsger
Nays: -
Exc.: -
Prepared By: Jim Stembridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 3/11, 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts individuals 16 years of age and younger from requirement to obtain business license if the individual operates as a sole proprietor under the individual's own name.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Un-named municipality that reportedly "harassed" kids running lemonade stand
- Youth-group fund-raising and young entrepreneurs

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Of 219 Oregon cities surveyed by the League of Oregon Cities (LOC) in 2001, 64 reported having general business license requirements, either for revenue or business-regulation purposes. Requirements differ and exemptions differ. The City of Bend, for example, does not require a business license for any service business, such as a lemonade stand, if the owner is less than 18 years old. The City of Portland does not require a business license from any business grossing less than \$50,000 per year. Several cities, including Ashland and Troutdale, exempt babysitting businesses from the business license requirement. In the 2001 LOC survey, 47 cities, not including Portland, reported annual business-license revenue totaling over \$3,200,000.

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