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House Joint Resolution 43

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Whereas Oregon is a diversified state, rich with human, educational, natural, industrial and technological resources; and

Whereas the abundance of Oregon resources can result in a synergistic economy that provides every Oregon business and every Oregonian with equal access to growth opportunities, business development tools and meaningful gainful employment; and

Whereas Oregon small businesses are the backbone of the Oregon economy; and

Whereas development, growth and stability of the Oregon economy and job market rely on the health and stability of its small businesses; and

Whereas the future growth and stability of the Oregon economy and job market will come primarily from new small businesses and from existing small businesses able to hire new employees; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, declare:

(1) That Oregon small businesses deserve to be recognized as stakeholders and key contributors to a healthy and prosperous economy in this state.

(2) That Oregon small businesses have a right to equal access to economic development tools.

(3) That Oregon small businesses have a right to access to an economic culture that encourages and sustains the growth of small businesses.

(4) That Oregon small businesses have a right to due consideration when the economic impact of statewide policies and state legislation is being considered.

(5) That Oregon small businesses have a right to equal treatment by state agencies that provide critical infrastructure services in the Oregon economy, including access to education and technical assistance in starting and operating a business, access to information necessary to assist businesses in managing their relationships with state government and access to clear, stable and predictable regulatory and record-keeping requirements.

(6) That Oregon small businesses deserve and hereby receive the commitment of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly to strive to adhere to the objectives set forth in this resolution and to take the small business economy that the Legislative Assembly represents into account in considering and enacting legislation.

Adopted by House April 30, 2009

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 21, 2009

President of Senate