

A-Engrossed
House Bill 2770

Ordered by the House April 25
Including House Amendments dated April 25

Sponsored by Representatives THATCHER, KENNEMER (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Establishes Business Ombudsman. Directs ombudsman to receive comments from business concerns on regulatory actions undertaken by state agencies, maintain confidentiality of persons making comments but report substance of comments to affected state agencies, Governor and Legislative Assembly. Directs ombudsman to evaluate enforcement activities and responsiveness of state agencies to business concerns, and report findings to Governor, affected state agencies and Legislative Assembly.]

Directs Oregon Business Development Department to explore feasibility of establishing Business Ombudsman position and related website. Requires department to report to Legislative Assembly on matter no later than date of convening of 2013 regular session of Legislative Assembly.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to the Business Ombudsman.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon Business Development Department, in consultation with the**
5 **Governor's office and other state agencies, shall explore the feasibility of establishing a po-**
6 **sition of Business Ombudsman within state government.**

7 **(2) In considering the duties to be performed and information to be provided by a Busi-**
8 **ness Ombudsman, the department shall explore the feasibility of requiring a Business Om-**
9 **budsman to provide and maintain on the department's website, or the website of another**
10 **state agency, the following information:**

11 **(a) The name of, contact information of and description of services provided by each ap-**
12 **propriate state agency or technical service provider that provides assistance to new or pro-**
13 **spective small businesses;**

14 **(b) The name, contact information and description of duties of state agencies that per-**
15 **form regulatory and permitting activities that affect new or prospective small businesses;**
16 **and**

17 **(c) Methods by which new, prospective or established businesses may note questions or**
18 **complaints that arise in the course of doing business in this state or with public entities in**
19 **this state.**

20 **(3) The department shall report to the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided by**
21 **ORS 192.245 no later than the date of the convening of the 2013 regular session of the Leg-**
22 **islative Assembly as specified in ORS 171.010. The report shall described the department's**
23 **conclusions regarding the feasibility of establishing a position of Business Ombudsman within**
24 **state government and of requiring a Business Ombudsman to maintain the information de-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **scribed in this section on the website of the department or another state agency.**

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