

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3247

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Including House Amendments dated April 21

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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.

[Requires Secretary of State to consolidate and simplify business registry functions to enable person to register business and obtain authority to transact business in most expeditious manner possible. Directs Secretary of State to provide repository of information by means of which person may find and apply for tax incentives, loans and technology assistance for starting business. Requires Secretary of State to consult and seek recommendations from appropriate state agencies, local governments, local agencies and private associations.]

[Requires Secretary of State to submit report that describes efforts to comply with provisions of Act.]

Requires Business Registration Information Center to establish, maintain and update "One Stop Shop for Oregon Business" Internet portal. Specifies components of portal.

Becomes operative January 1, 2012.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to the Secretary of State's business registry functions; creating new provisions; amending
3 ORS 56.180; and declaring an emergency.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 56.180 is amended to read:

6 56.180. (1) A Business Registration Information Center is established within the Office of the
7 Secretary of State.

8 (2) The primary functions of the center are:

9 (a) To develop a system within the center by which accurate and easily understandable infor-
10 mation with respect to the business registration requirements of participating state agencies may
11 be made available to persons undertaking a new business or operating an existing business; *[and]*

12 **(b) To establish a business portal as provided in subsection (3) of this section; and**

13 *[(b)]* **(c) To advertise and make the business portal described in subsection (3) of this section**
14 **and information described in this subsection** available to all persons who request the information.

15 **(3)(a) The center shall establish, maintain and update a business portal called the "One**
16 **Stop Shop for Oregon Business" that is accessible through the Internet and that provides**
17 **information, services and resources for:**

18 **(A) Starting, expanding and operating a business in Oregon or relocating a business**
19 **within or to Oregon;**

20 **(B) Understanding state and local government rules, ordinances and policies that apply**
21 **to business;**

22 **(C) Understanding how to classify a business for registration purposes;**

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 (D) Registering, licensing and obtaining needed permits for a business;
- 2 (E) Obtaining information about financing and tax credits available to businesses;
- 3 (F) Understanding business taxes and rules and policies concerning taxation that apply
- 4 to businesses;
- 5 (G) Obtaining information about and assistance with exporting;
- 6 (H) Obtaining information about and resources for hiring workers in Oregon;
- 7 (I) Obtaining information about public contracting;
- 8 (J) Obtaining information about and resources for business relocation;
- 9 (K) Obtaining information about and assistance with training for businesses; and
- 10 (L) Obtaining other information, services and resources related to business in Oregon.

11 (b) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and local government,
12 as defined in ORS 174.116, that have functions related to business registration, licensing,
13 permitting or taxation or that otherwise can provide information for or assist with estab-
14 lishing, expanding, operating or relocating a business are directed to cooperate with and as-
15 sist the center in performing the center's duties under subsection (3) of this section.

16 (4) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of
17 subsection (3) of this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** (1) The amendments to ORS 56.180 by section 1 of this 2011 Act become op-
19 erative on January 1, 2012.

20 (2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the operative date specified in
21 subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the Secretary of State to exercise,
22 on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, all of the duties,
23 functions and powers conferred on the Secretary of State by the amendments to ORS 56.180
24 by section 1 of this 2011 Act.

25 **SECTION 3.** This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect
27 on its passage.

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