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## **Comments before the Senate Business and Transportation Committee**

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SB 833 (Short-term Driver's License)

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### **LIST OF BUSINESS SUPPORT** (alphabetical order)

**Agricultural Coop. Council of Oregon**  
**Associated General Contractors**  
**Associated Oregon Industries**  
**Associated Oregon Loggers**  
**Columbia Gorge Fruit Growers Assn.**  
**Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce**  
**NW Food Processors Association**  
**Oregon Association of Nurseries**  
**Oregon Blueberry Commission**  
**Oregon Business Association**  
**Oregon Dairy Farmers Association**  
**Oregon Essential Oil Growers League**  
**Oregon Farm Bureau Federation**  
**Oregon Fresh Market Growers Assn.**  
**Oregon Home Builders Association**  
**Oregon Landscape Contractors Assn.**  
**Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Assn.**  
**Oregonians for Food and Shelter**  
**Oregon Wheat Growers League**  
**Oregon Winegrowers Association**  
**Pacific NW Christmas Tree Assn.**

As co-chairs of the Coalition for a Working Oregon, a group of business associations and interests, all of whom are committed to the economic welfare of the State of Oregon, we encourage you to support SB 833, which would create a short-term driver's license for all who reside in our state. This bipartisan public safety bill will save lives and help significantly reduce the fiscal impact on motorists that are impacted by uninsured and unlicensed drivers. We wish to thank the governor and the eight bipartisan sponsors for their effort to bring this bill before you.

A business community needs all residents of the State of Oregon to be able to fully participate in the economy. SB 833 was crafted by a diverse group of interests and is narrowly constructed to obtain one stated goal – allowing folks to get to work, their place of worship, and to participate in commerce. The Oregon business community has been a strong advocate for sensible legislation and we feel that SB 833 is a common-sense approach to the Oregon Driver's License issue.

All Oregonians, regardless of status, need to be able to take a test, know the rules of the road, and be able to get to their jobs. SB 833 does not overreach and does not allow this short-term license to be used to board an airplane, enter a federal building or be used to buy a gun. The bill pays for itself through the fee structure for the 4-year renewal cycle and utilizes modern technology of facial recognition to prevent fraud. The short-term license does not confer eligibility to any state benefits that the person would not otherwise be eligible for.

There are real economic reasons to pass this bill and we urge you to approve this bill. The Oregon economy is finally beginning to slowly recover and the state needs a vibrant workforce to continue the momentum.