

HB 2643
Relating to small business fees

As amended, the measure directs the Office of the Secretary of State to maintain the Oregon License Directory, providing information on all known state licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations for which fees are imposed on small businesses by local and state agencies, and to make the directory available on the Internet to the public free of charge. The bill requires state and local agencies to report various licensing and fee statistics to the Secretary of State and to annually review and update information reported.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 2643 be amended and reported out do pass, as amended.

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Gomberg
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue:

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and be Printed A-Engrossed

Vote:

House

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc:

Senate

Yeas:

Nays:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Office of Secretary of State to study amount and impact of state and local government fees on small businesses and develop strategies for lessening impact on small businesses. Directs Office to implement program to help small businesses obtain fee waivers or deferrals. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Possible costs to local entities
- Usefulness and availability of tool

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces introduced bill. Directs the Office of the Secretary of State (SOS) to maintain the Oregon License Directory, providing information on all known state licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations for which fees are imposed on small businesses by local and state agencies and to make the directory available on the Internet to the public free of charge. State and local agencies are required to report various licensing and fee statistics to the Secretary of State and to annually review and update information reported.

BACKGROUND: The Secretary of State makes available an online license directory (<http://licenseinfo.oregon.gov>) that provides information on all known state licenses, certifications, permits, and registrations. It also includes federal license summary information. Beginning in 2005, local governments began entering license information.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE BILL 2643**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 12 through 27 and insert:

2 “(2) The Secretary of State shall maintain the Oregon License Directory
3 as a searchable, statewide database containing information regarding li-
4 censes, permits and registrations for which fees and fee-related regulations
5 are imposed on small businesses by local agencies and state agencies in
6 Oregon. The Secretary of State shall make the Oregon License Directory
7 available on the Internet to the public free of charge.

8 “(3) All local agencies and state agencies that have functions related to
9 the issuance of licenses, permits and registrations for which fees and fee-
10 related regulations are imposed on small businesses must:

11 “(a) Report information in a manner to be designated by the Secretary
12 of State by rule for inclusion in the Oregon License Directory, including but
13 not limited to information regarding the average time to process and issue
14 licenses, permits and registrations for which fees are imposed on small
15 businesses and the number of active licenses, permits and registrations; and

16 “(b) Review and update the information required under paragraph (a) of
17 this subsection on or before July 1, but not later than September 1, of each
18 year.

19 “(4) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the
20 provisions of this section.

21 **“SECTION 2. (1) Section 1 of this 2013 Act becomes operative on**
22 **January 1, 2014.**

1 **“(2) The Secretary of State may take any action before the opera-**
2 **tive date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary**
3 **to enable the Secretary of State to exercise, on and after the operative**
4 **date specified in subsection (1) of this section, the duties, functions**
5 **and powers conferred upon the Secretary of State by section 1 of this**
6 **2013 Act.”.**

7 In line 28, delete “2” and insert “3”.

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