

House Bill 2643

Sponsored by Representative MCKEOWN (Presession 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 **as introduced**.

Directs Office of Secretary of State to conduct study regarding fees imposed on small businesses by local and state agencies and to implement program to assist small businesses in obtaining waivers or deferrals of fees.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to small business fees; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) "Local agency" means every county, city, school district, municipal organization,
6 district or political subdivision, or any board, commission or agency thereof, or any other
7 local public agency.

8 (b) "Small business" means a prospective, new or established business with 100 or fewer
9 employees that is or will be located in Oregon.

10 (c) "State agency" means every state office, department, division, bureau, board or
11 commission or any other state agency.

12 (2) The Office of the Secretary of State shall conduct a study to determine:

13 (a) The types and amounts of fees charged to small businesses by local agencies and state
14 agencies;

15 (b) The entities that impose fees on small businesses and options that the entities provide
16 to small businesses to waive or defer the fees; and

17 (c) Strategies for lessening the impact of fees imposed on small businesses, in particular
18 the impact on small business start-ups.

19 (3) Based upon the data, findings and conclusions of the study done under subsection (2)
20 of this section, the Secretary of State shall develop and implement a program to assist small
21 businesses to obtain waivers or deferrals of fees imposed on small businesses by local agen-
22 cies and state agencies.

23 (4) All local agencies and state agencies that have functions involving the imposition of
24 fees on small businesses are directed to cooperate with and assist the Office of the Secretary
25 of State in performing its functions under this section.

26 (5) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
27 section.

28 **SECTION 2. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
29 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect
30 on its passage.**

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