

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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**Action:** Do Pass  
**Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1  
**Yeas:** Cameron, Holvey, McKeown, Thatcher, Unger, Clem  
**Nays:** 0  
**Exc.:** Davis  
**Prepared By:** Beth Reiley, Administrator  
**Meeting Dates:** 2/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES** Increases loan amount Oregon Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund (Fund) may provide to borrow from \$70,000 to \$100,000. Extends length of loan period from five years to 10 years. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Process for loan approval
- 60 percent of loans from Fund go to businesses outside of metro area

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** The Oregon Business Development Department, also known as Business Oregon, was established to carry out the policies of the Oregon Business Development Commission, act as official state liaison for industries interested in locating within the state, coordinate state and federal economic development programs, and to recruit businesses to Oregon and help grow existing Oregon companies. Among its duties, Business Oregon may make entrepreneurial development loans to small businesses. Business Oregon estimates that over 50 small businesses have utilized the entrepreneurial development loans it provides. Interest collected from those loans returns to the investment pool and funds new loans.

Senate Bill 1563 A raises the loan amount cap on the entrepreneurial development loans Business Oregon may make from \$70,000 to \$100,000.