

**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Transportation and Economic Development**

**MEASURE: SB 482**  
**CARRIER: Rep. Clem**

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact

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**Action Date:** 03/25/15

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Meeting Dates:** 03/18, 03/25

**Vote:**

Yeas: 7 - Bentz, Davis, Gorsek, Hack, Lively, McKeown, McLain

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes the Oregon Business Development Department to appoint a Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership Advisory Committee to advise the Department regarding the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership and manufacturing economic development within the Willamette Valley and Columbia Valley corridor. Directs Department to provide support to, and consult with, the Partnership. Requires Department and Advisory Committee to report to Legislative Assembly during active duration of Advisory Committee, beginning January 1, 2017.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Potential benefits of federal designation
- Likelihood of receiving federal designation
- Duration of federal designation
- Region's manufacturing base
- Challenges of holding a large coalition together
- Potential impacts to Oregon Business Development Department
- Types of products that could be focus of Partnership

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership (PNMP) is an alliance of urban and rural communities seeking to deepen the integration of the Willamette Valley, Columbia River Gorge and Portland/Vancouver metropolitan economies. The PNMP was formed to capitalize on opportunities created with the formation of the Investing in Manufacturing Communities Partnership (IMCP), which was launched in 2013 to help raise the awareness of funding opportunities available in manufacturing, as well as to seek bottom-up input from local communities on the upcoming phases of the initiative. The federal Economic Development Administration has awarded more than \$7 million to 44 communities in the form of IMCP implementation strategy grants to support development of long-term economic development strategies to help communities attract and expand private investment in the manufacturing sector and to help increase international trade and exports.