

Subject: SB 1583 - Testimony in Favor

Chair Beyer, Members of the Committee:

I fully support SB 1583 and its proposed expansion. I know firsthand the worth of the Office of Small Business Assistance.

In November 2015 I received very timely assistance from the Small Business Advocate in resolving a serious problem that my very small nonprofit was having with the Employment Division. The Small Business Advocate notified me in less than a day that she was familiar with the problem and had contacted the appropriate Department Head. The following morning that Department Head notified me by phone that the problem was indeed resolved.

I had spent the prior 9 months trying to resolve this problem to no avail.

The Office of Small Business Assistance provides a critically important service to Oregon small businesses and nonprofits which allows us, with our limited resources, to concentrate our efforts on what we do best.

In my mind, I allocate my Oregon personal income taxes towards support of the work of the Office of Small Business Assistance.

Thank you,

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