

March 13, 2017

Dear Chair Taylor and Members of the Senate Workforce Committee,

On behalf of the Redmond Chamber of Commerce & CVB and its Government Affairs Committee, we would like to submit this letter in opposition of SB 828. We believe this bill will be detrimental to all businesses across Oregon. This bill will hit all businesses hard, particularly retailers, hospitality, service stations, and restaurants. Weather related events that make it impossible to predict what staffing levels are needed will potentially be catastrophic to businesses if they are held to SB 828 standards.

Oregon businesses have been barraged by recent Legislative mandates, requiring increases in minimum wage and paid sick leave, coupled with skyrocketing healthcare cost, making the addition of predictive scheduling unrealistic.

The Redmond Chamber of Commerce and CVB represents 750+ members and represents the collective interest of this membership. We join with other Chambers across the State of Oregon and join the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) to oppose SB 828.

No employer should to be penalized for unforeseen, medical leave, employee absences, weather related or any other circumstance that would require a schedule change. SB 828 scheduling mandate would create unfair penalties on business and kill jobs.

Please oppose SB 828.

Sincerely

Dave Standerwick, Chair Redmond Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee