

Testimony on SB 538

Keizer Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee

April 12, 2017

Chair Beyer and Members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee –

My name is Jonathan Thompson, my wife and I are small business owners in Keizer and I am the chair of the Keizer Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee.

It is my pleasure to be here today in support of Senator Thatcher's Senate Bill 538. We believe this is a good way to get our collective hands around the regulations and fees faced by small business owners across the state.

Most fees or rules by themselves are usually not all the onerous. However, when all of them are added together, not only is there a major expense for small business, there is also a hefty amount of time required for compliance.

It is our hope Senate Bill 538 will be a good first step and allow us to more adequately define the problem. I can speak at length about the issues we have had and many of our Chamber members can as well. But in order to fix the problem, we need good data, not just anecdotes.

Please join the Keizer Chamber of Commerce in supporting Senate Bill 538. We urge you to approve this bill and send it on to Ways and Means.

Thank you for your time this afternoon and I am more than willing to answer any questions you may have.