

SB 538 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 4/12, 4/17

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department and Department of Consumer and Business Services to collaborate on conducting a study regarding state regulation of businesses and persons engaged in occupations. Directs the departments to research, study and compile data regarding processes, requirements and fees imposed by state agencies on Oregon businesses and persons engaged in occupations. Requires report to Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2018. Sunsets December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Fiscal "lite" statement issued

REVENUE: No revenue impact

NOTE: MEASURE HAS SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO JOINT WAYS AND MEANS

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of jobs in Oregon that require certification or licensure
- Intended to build on work already done on this subject
- Impact of regulations on small businesses
- Should take into account why regulations were put in place and whether they achieve desired aims

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Business Development Department, often referred to as Business Oregon, is the state agency tasked with creating, retaining, expanding and attracting businesses that provide sustainable, living-wage jobs to Oregon. Business Oregon is overseen by the Business Oregon Commission, which works to ensure a coherent, integrated approach to economic development and continuity of policy direction.