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SUMMARY

Creates Joint Legislative Committee to Review Agency Regulation of Oregon Businesses. Directs committee to research, study and compile data regarding processes, requirements and fees imposed by state agencies upon Oregon businesses. Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than December 31, 2018. Allows committee to introduce legislation to implement recommendations.

Sunsets committee on June 30, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to regulation of businesses; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **“Business” means, unless the context requires otherwise, a**
6 **prospective, new or established business that is or will be located in**
7 **Oregon.**

8 (b) **“State agency” means every state office, department, division,**
9 **bureau, board or commission or any other state agency that has**
10 **functions related to the issuance of licenses, permits, certificates or**
11 **registrations to businesses.**

12 (2) **The Joint Legislative Committee to Review Agency Regulation**
13 **of Oregon Businesses is established, consisting of six members ap-**
14 **pointed as follows:**

15 (a) **The President of the Senate shall appoint three members from**
16 **among members of the Senate.**

17 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three**

1 **members from among members of the House of Representatives.**

2 **(3) The committee shall:**

3 **(a) Research, study and compile data regarding:**

4 **(A) The processes and requirements imposed by state agencies upon**
5 **businesses in order for the businesses to obtain or renew licenses,**
6 **permits, certificates or registrations needed to conduct business in this**
7 **state, including the amount of time taken to obtain or renew licenses,**
8 **permits, certificates and registrations;**

9 **(B) The types and amounts of fees, including the availability of**
10 **waivers and deferrals of fees, imposed by state agencies upon busi-**
11 **nesses in order for the businesses to obtain or renew licenses, permits,**
12 **certificates or registrations needed to conduct business in this state;**
13 **and**

14 **(C) Any other information to be researched, studied and compiled**
15 **by the committee, as established by the committee by rule.**

16 **(b) Determine the effectiveness and efficiency of processes and re-**
17 **quirements identified in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

18 **(c) Make recommendations to improve processes and requirements**
19 **identified under paragraph (a) of this subsection in order to streamline**
20 **and improve the efficacy of such processes and requirements, includ-**
21 **ing consolidating or eliminating processes and requirements imple-**
22 **mented and used by state agencies.**

23 **(d) Collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Department**
24 **and the Oregon Department of Administrative Services to make the**
25 **research, recommendations, proposed legislation and other informa-**
26 **tion of the committee available to the public and businesses on the**
27 **Oregon transparency website developed under ORS 184.483 and to ob-**
28 **tain comments and feedback from the public and businesses through-**
29 **out this state.**

30 **(4) The committee may request proposals and contract with a public**
31 **or private entity to perform the powers, duties and functions under**

1 subsection (3) of this section.

2 (5) The committee may hold hearings and take testimony as nec-
3 essary and appropriate for the performance of the committee's powers,
4 duties and functions under subsection (3) of this section.

5 (6) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is
6 present. A quorum consists of a majority of committee members from
7 the House of Representatives and a majority of committee members
8 from the Senate.

9 (7) Official action by the committee requires the affirmative vote
10 of a majority of committee members from the House of Represen-
11 tatives and a majority of committee members from the Senate.

12 (8) The committee shall elect one of its members to serve as
13 chairperson.

14 (9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority
15 shall make an appointment to become immediately effective.

16 (10) The committee shall meet at times and places specified by the
17 call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the com-
18 mittee.

19 (11) Members of the committee shall receive an amount equal to
20 that authorized under ORS 171.072 from funds appropriated to the
21 Legislative Assembly for each day spent in the performance of their
22 duties as members of the committee.

23 (12) The committee may adopt rules necessary for the operation of
24 the committee.

25 (13) The committee may pre-session file legislation in the manner
26 provided in ORS 171.130 for interim and statutory committees. All
27 legislation recommended by official action of the committee must in-
28 dicate that it is introduced at the request of the committee.

29 (14) The committee shall submit a report in the manner provided
30 by ORS 192.245 to the Legislative Assembly no later than December 31,
31 2018.

1 **(15) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to the**
2 **committee.**

3 **(16) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are**
4 **directed to assist the committee in the performance of its duties and,**
5 **to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish**
6 **such information and advice as the members of the committee con-**
7 **sider necessary to perform their duties.**

8 **SECTION 2.** **Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on June 30, 2025.**

9 **SECTION 3.** **This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-**
10 **ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-**
11 **clared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect on its passage.**

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