

**HB 2152 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Business and Transportation**

**Carrier:** Sen. Beyer

---

**Action Date:** 05/15/17  
**Action:** Do pass the A-Eng bill.  
**Vote:** 5-0-0-0  
**Yeas:** 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
**Prepared By:** Patrick Brennan, LPRO Analyst

---

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Authorizes small business development centers to use state grant funding for outreach and marketing activities. Directs small business development centers to collaborate with state agencies, state-supported organizations, and private-sector entities to provide specified services to small businesses.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Role played by small business development centers in helping startup businesses
- Whether existing network of small business development centers have capacity to take on more work

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

There are currently 19 small business development centers (SBDCs) operating throughout Oregon, mostly in conjunction with community colleges and public universities. SBDCs provide services to Oregon businesses that include advising, training and other business resources. Under current law, SBDCs are prohibited from using state funds to engage in outreach and marketing efforts to publicize their services.

House Bill 2152-A allows SBDCs to use state funding to perform outreach and marketing activities. The measure also directs SBDCs to work with other specified organizations to refer small businesses that could benefit from their services and to provide business support services to small businesses in Oregon.