

Senate Bill 626

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Establishes 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 and persons engaged in occupations. Requires report to Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018. Allows committee to introduce legislation to implement recommendations.

Sunsets committee on June 30, 2027.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to committee oversight of state regulation; 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 prospective, new or es-**
6 **tablished business that is or will be located in Oregon.**

7 (b) **"Person engaged in an occupation" means an individual engaged in a profession or**
8 **occupation for which certification, registration or licensure is required in this state.**

9 (c) **"State agency" means every state office, department, division, bureau, board or**
10 **commission or any other state agency that has functions related to the issuance of licenses,**
11 **permits, certificates or registrations to businesses or persons engaged in an occupation.**

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

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

16 (b) **The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members from**
17 **among members of the House of Representatives.**

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

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

20 (A) **The processes and requirements imposed by state agencies upon businesses and per-**
21 **sons engaged in an occupation in order for the businesses or persons to obtain or renew li-**
22 **censes, permits, certificates or registrations needed to conduct business or engage in an**
23 **occupation in Oregon, including but not limited to the amount of time taken to obtain or**
24 **renew licenses, permits, certificates and registrations;**

25 (B) **The types and amounts of fees, including the availability of waivers and deferrals of**
26 **fees, imposed by state agencies upon businesses and persons engaged in an occupation in**
27 **order for the businesses or persons to obtain or renew licenses, permits, certificates or**
28 **registrations needed to conduct business or engage in an occupation in Oregon; and**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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

3 (b) Determine the effectiveness and efficiency of processes and requirements identified
4 under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

5 (c) Make recommendations to improve processes and requirements identified under par-
6 agraph (a) of this subsection in order to streamline and improve the efficacy of such pro-
7 cesses and requirements, including but not limited to consolidating or eliminating processes
8 and requirements implemented and used by state agencies.

9 (d) Collaborate with the Oregon Business Development Department and the Oregon De-
10 partment of Administrative Services to make the research, recommendations, proposed leg-
11 islation and other information of the committee available to the public and businesses on the
12 Oregon transparency website developed under ORS 184.483 and to obtain comments and
13 feedback from the public and businesses throughout this state.

14 (4) The committee may request proposals and contract with a public or private entity to
15 perform the powers, duties and functions under subsection (3) of this section.

16 (5) The committee may hold hearings and take testimony as necessary and appropriate
17 for the performance of the committee's powers, duties and functions under subsection (3)
18 of this section.

19 (6) The committee may not transact business unless a quorum is present. A quorum
20 consists of a majority of committee members from the House of Representatives and a ma-
21 jority of committee members from the Senate.

22 (7) Official action by the committee requires the affirmative vote of a majority of com-
23 mittee members from the House of Representatives and a majority of committee members
24 from the Senate.

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

26 (9) If there is a vacancy for any cause, the appointing authority shall make an appoint-
27 ment to become immediately effective.

28 (10) The committee shall meet at times and places specified by the call of the chairperson
29 or of a majority of the members of the committee.

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

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

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

37 (14) The committee shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245 to the
38 Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2018.

39 (15) The Legislative Administrator shall provide staff support to the committee.

40 (16) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist
41 the committee in the performance of its duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating
42 to confidentiality, to furnish such information and advice as the members of the committee
43 consider necessary to perform their duties.

44 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on June 30, 2027.

45 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect**
2 **on its passage.**

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