

# Senate Bill 837

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND TRANSPORTATION

## 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**.

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 prospective, new or es-**  
6 **tablished business that is or will be located in Oregon.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (A) **The processes and requirements imposed by state agencies upon businesses in order**  
19 **for the businesses to obtain or renew licenses, permits, certificates or registrations needed**  
20 **to conduct business in this state, including the amount of time taken to obtain or renew li-**  
21 **enses, permits, certificates and registrations;**

22 (B) **The types and amounts of fees, including the availability of waivers and deferrals of**  
23 **fees, imposed by state agencies upon businesses in order for the businesses to obtain or re-**  
24 **new licenses, permits, certificates or registrations needed to conduct business in this state;**  
25 **and**

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

28 (b) **Determine the effectiveness and efficiency of processes and requirements identified**  
29 **in paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

**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) Make recommendations to improve processes and requirements identified under par-  
2 agraph (a) of this subsection in order to streamline and improve the efficacy of such pro-  
3 cesses and requirements, including consolidating or eliminating processes and requirements  
4 implemented and used by state agencies.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

41 **SECTION 3.** This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
42 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect  
43 on its passage.