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**Subject:** RE: Coronavirus Items from Stakeholder in HD 49 and vicinity  
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Co-Chairs Hovey and Roblan,

We have additional testimony from the Gresham Chamber, some of which was included in the email from Rep. Gorsek yesterday. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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**Subject:** RE: Preparing for the short session.

Representative Gorsek,

Here is my quick list. As I continue to talk to our business community more ideas will surface.

There are a few ideas floating around out there from the business community. The list is long. I am focusing on the ones that would be most helpful locally. Employees and Employers BOTH need help. I come from the position that if the business is financially healthy then the employees likely will be. If the employees are financially healthy, that doesn't necessarily translate to the business financial health. So my perspective is to do whatever possible to aid the business first and foremost and that will protect the employees at the same time. Of course there is a priority to help employees too and I have included some of my thoughts on that as well. Employers are under a tremendous amount of stress. Relief for them will help the crisis settle down which in turn will give hope to employees.

All of these suggestions are meant to be TEMPORARY during the crisis. The goal is cash availability as fast as possible.

Delay implementation of the new Corporate Activities Tax for at least the first quarter and potentially the second quarter pending the length of the coronavirus crisis.  
Create tax credit for restaurants and lodging operations

Put in place a moratorium on the weight mile for trucking firms playing a major role in delivering supplies

Extend tax filing deadlines

Relax predictive scheduling requirements and enact moratorium on penalties

Prioritize the stability and accessibility of the Unemployment insurance fund

    Create immediate access for workers displaced by business closures and slow downs

    Eliminate job search requirements for unemployment insurance

    Eliminate one week waiting periods for benefits

Protect employers from increased rates and penalties when employees make claims for unemployment due to reduced hours or business closures

Extend deadlines or lift requirements for regulations that are impossible and not practical to comply with during this crises. For instance training requirements when training can't be delivered.

Have Business Oregon prioritize businesses impacted by the virus crisis for low and no interest loan assistance

On a separate note: Parents are wondering what will happen with the closure of schools. A temporary forgiveness of required days of school will help ease some of the worry for parents. Seniors graduating are worried as well. Even if school were to resume during the summer to complete the required days, would that would help seniors with their qualifications to get into college?

Thanks for asking for the Chamber input.

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Working together is success. Henry Ford*

