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Dear Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness,

Business Oregon is providing this letter as written testimony in support of HB 2211A.

The Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund currently is able to make loans to businesses that are owned and operated by a person certified as having a severe disability by the Oregon Commission for the Blind or the Oregon Department of Human Services.

The proposed legislation would further streamline the eligibility process and determination for disabled veterans as defined by ORS 408.255. This streamlining will permit the department to use disability determinations of the US Department of Defense or the US Department of Veterans Affairs. Business Oregon looks forward to continuing to support access to capital to individuals with disabilities and US veterans.

Sincerely,

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