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## SUMMARY

Designates first Friday in October of each year as Oregon Manufacturing Day.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to Oregon Manufacturing Day; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas manufacturers have played an enormous role in driving Oregon's economy, with \$22.61 billion in manufactured goods exported in 2020; and

Whereas manufacturing in Oregon accounts for 13.55 percent of the total product output of this state; and

Whereas revenues generated from the manufacturing sector are critical for the support of public education and community and social services, for health care investments and for the development and upkeep of roads and infrastructure; and

Whereas Oregon leads the way on a stunningly diverse portfolio of manufactured goods, including semiconductors and computer parts, wood and fabricated metal products, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals and medicine, paper, chemicals, industrial machinery and precision aerospace equipment; and

Whereas Oregon manufacturers have demonstrated incredible ingenuity and resolve in helping to keep our country moving forward throughout the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas Oregon-made products have secured spots on store shelves, and in the hearts of consumers, throughout the entire world, with labels on jams,

cheeses, beers and fine wines proudly declaring their Oregon roots; and

Whereas in 2021, Oregon's 6,462 manufacturing establishments provided 186,000 jobs to nearly 10 percent of the workforce in this state; and

Whereas Oregon's time-honored tradition of crafting high-quality wood products has led to some of the highest paid manufacturing jobs in this state, with sawmills, millwork and the veneer and engineered hardwood products sectors all offering highly competitive wages; and

Whereas wages for manufacturing jobs in this state have climbed steadily over the past two decades as Oregon has asserted its position as a leader of natural resources-based manufacturing and established itself as a hub for high-tech manufacturing; and

Whereas in 2021, the average annual wage for manufacturing in Oregon was about \$78,400, far exceeding the average annual wage of \$64,000 in this state; and

Whereas Oregon is training the workforce of the future by investing in science, technology, engineering and math education, bolstering apprenticeships and designing community college and technical school certificate programs that lead to highly desirable manufacturing jobs; and

Whereas Oregon has seen steady job growth in manufacturing sectors including semiconductors, pharmaceuticals and medicine, food and beverages, medical equipment and supplies, motor vehicles, wood products, industrial machinery and fruit and vegetable preservation; and

Whereas Oregon's 20 percent growth in manufacturing jobs far outpaces the national average of 11.7 percent; and

Whereas Oregon is on track to create 21,000 new manufacturing jobs between 2020 and 2030; and

Whereas Oregon's diverse manufacturing sector constitutes a fundamental component of this state's identity, and will remain so as it continues to grow; now, therefore,

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. The first Friday in October of each year is designated**

1 as Oregon Manufacturing Day.

2 SECTION 2. This 2023 Act being necessary for the immediate pres-  
3 ervation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is de-  
4 clared to exist, and this 2023 Act takes effect on its passage.

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