

House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity
Chair Lively and Members of the Committee
Testimony in support of HB 2334

Chair Sanchez and Committee Members,

My name is Joe Spendolini. Among other things, I serve as the Chairman of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee. For your consideration I respectfully offer this testimony in support House Bill 2334, which will enhance and improve the requirement that agencies report the economic impact to Oregon businesses of proposed rules.

As you know, rules enacted by state agencies carry the same force and authority of laws created and passed by this elected body and signed into law by our elected Governor. Requiring the economic impact of a proposed rule be factored into the decision-making process prior to the enactment of a rule is critical in deciding whether the proposed rule should be adjusted to mitigate potential harm to Oregon businesses. The language in this Bill makes that clear and spells out in much better detail how the agencies should adjust the proposed rules once that impact is understood.

Because of the pandemic many of our businesses have taken a financial hit, I believe the passage of HB 2334 will help ensure our state agencies factor potential additional economic impacts as they consider whether a proposed rule should be implemented as planned or modified to lessen those impacts. This will be equally important after the financial damage caused by the pandemic has passed.

Respectfully, I encourage you to vote yes for HB 2334.

Respectfully,

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