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To: Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
From: Scott Bruun, OBI
RE: OBI Testimony in Support of HB 2343

Madame Chair and Members of the Committee:

Good afternoon, my name is Scott Bruun and I am Director of Tax and Fiscal Policy for Oregon Business and Industry. OBI is a member-led business trade association with over 1,600 members that employ approximately 300,000 Oregonians.

OBI strongly supports HB 2343.

HB 2343 is an important tool for local jurisdictions to temporarily suspend enterprise zone employment requirements for employers who have suffered adverse economic impacts related to Covid. This bill allows employers time to get back on their feet. The bill also protects the vital integrity of the enterprise zone program, one of the most effective tools in our job-creation tool chest and one that supports literally thousands of family-wage jobs in all corners of our state.

For these reasons, OBI encourages the committee's support.

Thank you.

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