

HB 3272 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Secretary of State Business Registration Information Center to share information about ethnicity, domicile, and veteran status of owner or principal of any business that applies for or renews license, permit, or registration in Oregon with approved organizations. Requires local and state agencies to collect and report information to Secretary of State about ethnicity, domicile, and veteran status of owner or principal of any business. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Allows Secretary of State to adopt rules and take actions before operative date to exercise duties, functions, and powers to share information with qualifying organizations.

BACKGROUND:

The 2011 Legislative Assembly passed House Bill 3247 establishing a Business Registration Information Center (Center), calling for a “One Stop Shop for Business” online portal to be established by the Secretary of State. The Business Xpress online portal provides resources for starting, expanding, and operating a business in Oregon or relocating a business within or to Oregon. Using the Business Xpress online portal, entrepreneurs can access information, forms and other important documents needed for business.

House Bill 3272 allows the Center to share information about ethnicity, domicile, and veteran status of the owner or principal of any business that applies for or renews a license, permit, or registration in Oregon with approved organizations. Approved organizations are organizations that the Center determines are community-based, foster economic development, and engage in substantive efforts to increase the number of minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses and businesses that veterans own in Oregon. The measure requires local and state agencies to collect and report information about ethnicity, domicile, and veteran status of the owner or principal of any business to the center.