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**Date:** January 12, 2026  
**To:** House Interim Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Trade  
**From:** Kris Kolta, LPRO Analyst  
**Subject:** Summary of 2026 Committee Legislative Concepts

**1. LC 189 (dated 1/9/2026): Relating to a unified trade strategy for Oregon**

Directs the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon), in collaboration with the Port of Portland, Travel Oregon, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture, to update Oregon's unified international trade strategy; allocates \$300,000 from the Administrative Services Economic Development Fund.

Directs the Department of Administrative Services to develop a procurement reform roadmap pursuant to designated criteria, to provide a draft roadmap to the legislature by September 15, 2026, and a final roadmap to the legislature by December 15, 2026.

Establishes a task force on business retention to provide a draft report by September 15, 2026 and a final report by December 15, 2026 to the legislature for improving strategies to retain businesses and private investment; sets out criteria for membership, procedures, content, and Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) support.

**2. LC 197 (dated 12/4/2025): Relating to Business Oregon programs**

Directs Business Oregon to evaluate programs pursuant to additional criteria and make recommendations for consolidating, streamlining, eliminating, or separating programs and functions pursuant to Business Oregon's 2027-29 biennial budget request.

**3. LC 127 (dated 1/12/2026): Relating to economic development**

Directs Business Oregon to provide technical assistance to four industrial symbiosis pilot projects by August 31, 2026, to develop an Industrial Symbiosis Roadmap pursuant to designated criteria and present it to the legislature by May 1, 2027; defines the term "industrial symbiosis" and appropriates \$900,000 for the pilot projects.

Appropriates \$640,000 to the Oregon Coast Visitors Association to support research and development into the replication of Iceland Ocean Cluster's 100% Fish Project, an industrial symbiosis project to use fish for product manufacturing.

Amends ORS 285B.626, the Regionally Significant Industrial Site (RSIS) program, to calculate employer tax-rebate eligibility based on the cumulative number of qualifying jobs at a site as opposed to each employer's hiring at a site.

Amends ORS 451.490 to allow county service districts to fund service facilities through charges imposed for designated sewage and water management services.