



Salem Chamber

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Representative Ben Bowman, Chair
House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Salem Chamber Written Testimony in Support of HB 3382
Directs the Secretary of State to maintain an online Oregon Rulemaking
Information System**

Dear Chair Bowman, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

Our organization represents over one thousand (1,000+) local businesses and forty-five thousand (45,000) employees in the Salem area. The breadth and diversity of industries represented by our membership demonstrate an intersection of the small businesses that collectively create our state economy. Every small business has industry regulations that govern how they operate their business. However, each small business owner struggles to provide jobs in our local communities, create business growth, invest in capital improvements, and comply with the complex regulatory environment.

To centralize the rulemaking information in one location, our small business owners can better access and engage in the administrative and regulatory process. Increased small business participation during rulemaking would promote more collaborative discussions resulting in regulatory solutions that could cooperatively address both agency and small business concerns.

This important bill will help businesses stay knowledgeable and engaged in the agency rulemaking process affecting their industry by requiring a one-stop online Oregon Rulemaking Information System. This system will easily allow businesses to search for and view all current rules, proposed rules, previous rules, hearing information, meeting minutes, fiscal and economic impact statements, and summaries of proposed rules.

We urge adoption and passage of HB 3382 to ease the regulatory burdens so Oregon can compete with the 49 other states to become a premier destination to locate and operate your business.

Respectfully,

Tom Hoffert, CEO Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

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