

# Senate Bill 622

Sponsored by Senator KNOPP (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon Business Development Department, in collaboration with Department of Consumer and Business Services, to conduct study regarding state regulation of businesses and persons engaged in occupations.

Requires report to interim committees of Legislative Assembly on or before December 31, 2018. Sunsets on January 2, 2020.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to a study of state regulation related to businesses; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Business" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a prospective, new or es-**  
6 **tablished business that is or will be located in Oregon.**

7 (b) **"Person engaged in an occupation" means an individual who is engaged in a profession**  
8 **or occupation for which certification, registration or licensure is required in this state.**

9 (c) **"State agency" means every state office, department, division, bureau, board or**  
10 **commission or any other state agency that has functions related to the issuance of licenses,**  
11 **permits, certificates or registrations to businesses or persons engaged in an occupation.**

12 (2) **The Oregon Business Development Department, in collaboration with the Department**  
13 **of Consumer and Business Services, shall conduct a study to determine barriers to busi-**  
14 **nesses and persons engaged in an occupation that exist as a result of state agency policies**  
15 **and regulations that have a negative impact on the initial or continuing phases of the busi-**  
16 **nesses or occupations. The departments may narrow the focus of the study to target specific**  
17 **subjects that the departments deem to be of greatest relevance and significance.**

18 (3) **In performing the study, the departments shall obtain feedback from businesses and**  
19 **persons engaged in an occupation through the use of surveys, focus groups or other methods**  
20 **for obtaining information, including but not limited to the use of compilations of data and**  
21 **information previously performed by other individuals, entities and research organizations.**

22 (4) **The departments may involve institutions of higher education in the study and utilize**  
23 **resources and research available within the subject areas of the study that are available**  
24 **through institutions of higher education.**

25 (5) **The departments may seek donations, gifts, grants and other funding to support the**  
26 **study.**

27 (6) **The departments may convene an advisory committee to facilitate and guide the ex-**  
28 **ecution of the study. The Director of the Oregon Business Development Department and the**  
29 **Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall select the members of**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 the advisory committee, which may include members of the Legislative Assembly.

2 (7) The departments shall submit a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and  
3 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim committees of the Legislative  
4 Assembly related to business and economic development, no later than September 15, 2018.

5 (8) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the  
6 committee convened pursuant to subsection (6) of this section in the performance of its du-  
7 ties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish such infor-  
8 mation and advice as the members of the committee consider necessary to perform their  
9 duties.

10 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed on January 2, 2020.

11 SECTION 3. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
12 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect  
13 on its passage.

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