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Rep. Bentz Attends Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit

PORTLAND— On Monday, Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) attended and participated in the 13th annual Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland. Rep. Bentz was a participant in the breakfast panel discussing Agriculture, and in the plenary session panel on the Transportation Package.

Rep. Bentz said, “This Summit provides legislators with a unique opportunity to share concerns and facts with a statewide audience. About 1,200 people were in attendance. The Governor, candidates for most state offices, Legislators, hundreds of business men and women, and of course members of the press, were in attendance. My participation in the plenary session panel on transportation provided an opportunity to share with these 1,200 people county road needs and economic development opportunities (such as the Juntura Cutoff Road to the EP Minerals diatomaceous earth mine) with decision makers across the state.”

According to the website, the Oregon Business Plan is guided by a steering committee of business leaders representing business associations and boards/commissions which focuses upon Oregon’s economic progress, as well as at-large business leaders. In addition to conducting economic research, the steering committee gathers information and opinions statewide about what Oregon can do to support businesses that create jobs. This information is gathered through business interviews, industry focus group sessions, regional meetings, their website, and the annual Economic Leadership Summit.”

Rep. Bentz continued: “Those who organized the summit deserve credit for structuring an interesting, informative, and productive conference well worth the time spent traveling to and attending the meeting.”

“I also want to recognize the excellent presentation made by Oregon Cattlemen’s Association President John O’Keefe, who, during the plenary session, discussed the many challenges facing the ranching community.”

Those interested in seeing issues discussed at the summit and reviewing the summaries can do so at: <http://www.oregonbusinessplan.org/>.

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