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## **Oregon House Advances Legislation to Support Oregon's Economic Recovery**

*Support for Eastern Oregon, adjustments for taxpayers*

SALEM, Ore. – The Oregon House of Representatives advanced the first measures of the 2020 Special Session to support economic recovery throughout Oregon.

[House Bill 4202](#) makes technical changes and clarifications to the Student Success Act that the legislature approved in 2019. This includes ensuring non-profit Manufactured Home Park co-ops, crop insurance payments, and six dairy farms that were not covered by the exemption for farmers selling to a co-op had exemptions consistent with the intent of the original bill.

“Since the passage of the Student Success Act, we have been working with business representatives to make updates so the tax is fair and works for their different business situations,” said Rep. Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene), the chair of the House Committee on Revenue. “The clarity provided in this legislation is just one of our ongoing efforts to respond to business needs during this economic downturn.”

House Bill 4209 allows the Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region to access \$5 million that will help with their local communities' economic recovery. It allows the Board to establish grant and loan criteria by rule and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of Business Oregon and a third-party administrator of Board programs.

The Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Region, established in 2017 with the support of House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland) and then Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), was created to formulate and implement strategies for investment in workforce and economic development in the region.

Both bills passed unanimously and now go to the Oregon Senate for consideration.

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