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## **House Votes to Create "One Stop Shop for Oregon Business" Internet Portal**

*HB 3247 will establish a central hub for small businesses to register and begin the permitting process with state and local governments*

SALEM – The Oregon House today passed HB 3247, which will create the "One Stop Shop for Oregon Business" internet portal, a central hub for small businesses to register and begin the permitting process with state and local governments. The bill is a key component of the House Democratic plan to “Revitalize Oregon.” HB 3247 passed the House unanimously.

“As our economy turns around, we have to make it easier for businesses to start and grow,” said Representative Nancy Nathanson (D-Eugene), who carried the bill on the floor. “There is simply too much information on the web in too many places. This bill puts all that information in one easy to access web portal, so business owners can spend less time on red tape and more time moving the economy forward.”

HB 3247 directs the Secretary of State’s Business Registration Information Center to create and maintain a “One Stop Shop for Oregon Business” web portal that provides information, services and resources for a number of business filing, tax, business assistance, promotion and regulatory programs. Additionally, the bill directs state and local government agencies that register and regulate businesses to participate in the One Stop Shop.

HB 3247 will also help business owners obtain information on exporting goods, hiring Oregonians, contracting with public bodies and training, as well as provide other resources related to business in Oregon.

“The One Stop Shop will ensure that starting, expanding and operating a business in Oregon is clear, easy and simple,” said Representative Betty Komp (D-Woodburn), a chief sponsor of the bill. “Not only will the portal help business owners understand state and local laws regarding needed registration and permits, it will also inform them of available financing and tax credits, making starting and maintaining a business that much easier.”

“Over 90% of Lane County businesses employ 50 people or fewer. They simply do not have the time or manpower to scour the web for vital information on permitting, taxation and other information. HB 3247 makes it easier for businesses to do business,” said Representative Val Hoyle (D-West Eugene/Junction City).

“Creating a One Stop Shop is a top priority for House Democrats,” said House Democratic Leader Dave Hunt (D-Clackamas County). “Under this bill, we can give new and emerging businesses the tools they need to get off the ground and succeed.”

HB 3247 now moves to the Senate for consideration.

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