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### **Bipartisan effort to introduce common-sense business protections**

**SALEM, Ore.** – Today, Republicans and Democrats nearly approved common-sense liability protections for small businesses during the pandemic.

HB 2638 limits liability for certain claims for damages arising out of acts or omissions taken during COVID-19 emergency period in reasonable compliance with government guidance related to COVID-19. Oregon House Republican Leader Christine Drazan (R-Canby) made a motion to pull the bill from committee to the House floor for a vote.

Republicans and Democrats believe limited common-sense liability protections are needed to protect small businesses who follow the rules from bad actors trying to take advantage of the ongoing pandemic.

The motion narrowly failed, despite bipartisan support.

“COVID-19 health requirements for businesses have constantly evolved during the pandemic as circumstances have changed and we learn new information,” said Leader Drazan. “This bill simply provides better protections to keep our businesses and main streets open right now.”

**HB 2638** - chief sponsors Rep. Drazan, Gomberg

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