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HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER SPOTLIGHTS U OF O REPORT SHOWING 68% OF SURVEYED BUSINESSES LEFT OREGON DUE TO HIGH TAXES, REGULATIONS

SALEM, Ore. – The University of Oregon Institute for Policy Research & Engagement released a devastating [report](#) showing out-of-state businesses are actively recruiting Oregon workers, using tax incentives as “by far the most commonly offered” incentive to leave the state.

“The fact that Oregonians are being enticed to leave our state is an indictment on the tax structure and regulatory environment that is forcing businesses to plan to grow beyond state lines,” said **Rep. Christine Drazan (R-Canby)**. “This report concluded what House Republicans have been saying all along: To strengthen our economy, our state must support businesses by improving incentives and cutting taxes and regulatory burdens.”

The researchers also recommend that the Governor’s office make economic development a more prominent priority, writing, “While we understand the rationale and urgency behind the Governor’s key priorities, we argue that economic development (thought of in terms prosperity for all Oregonians) is deeply linked with the state’s housing affordability and homelessness crises.”

Researchers surveyed nearly 400 traded sector businesses and conducted more than 30 interviews. The results show:

- 24% of businesses reported being approached by recruiting agencies outside Oregon.
- 68% of businesses contacted by a recruiting agency reported moving or expanding outside Oregon.
- 60% said external recruitment efforts have increased in the past three years.

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