

Business and Consumer Protection



This Legislative Summary Report highlights Business and Consumer Protection policy measures that received a public hearing in a policy committee during the **2024** regular legislative session. The report is organized by subtopics and includes the measure number; the measure status: enacted [✓] or not enacted [✗]; and a brief description of the measure.

Business and Consumer Protection Subtopics:

- Alcohol Regulation
- Broadband Services
- Community Investment
- Consumer Protection
- Economic Development
- General Business
- Professional Licensure

Alcohol Regulation

- HB 4138** ✓ The measure authorizes the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) to establish a fee for third-party delivery facilitator permits. It also requires specified sales license applicants who intend to offer alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises to apply for a service permit. The measure also specifies who must have a service or temporary service permit and under what circumstances and conditions OLCC may waive the requirement. It also establishes guidelines for issuance, revocation, and renewal of service and temporary service permits.

Broadband Services

- HB 4040** ✓ The measure requires the Oregon Broadband Advisory Council (Council) to review competitive broadband grant program applications for compliance with program requirements and to make recommendations to the Oregon Broadband Office. It removes the Council's requirement to establish a committee to review grant applications. The measure also makes the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center eligible for grants under a program developed and implemented by the Oregon Business Development Department for operations, maintenance, and repairs.

Note: The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on General Government and Elections.

Community Investment

- SB 1582** ✗ The measure would have appropriated money to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to distribute to specific cultural organizations and to develop a grant program for Oregon cultural organizations adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on General Government and Elections.
- HB 4124** ✗ The measure would have appropriated funding to the Oregon Business Development Department to distribute to specified venues and to develop and implement a grant program for eligible cultural organizations.

Consumer Protection

- SB 1595** ✓ The measure exempts specific property and funds of a judgment debtor from execution of a judgment or garnishment. It also repeals a statute that provides that when a debt collector complies with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, the debt collector is also in compliance with the requirements of Oregon's debt collection practices. The measure specifies the process for a court to impose attorney fees and costs to a plaintiff or defendant following a civil action for unlawful debt collection practices and increases the amount of damage award available.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Civil Law.

Economic Development

- HB 4041** ✗ The measure would have appropriated \$30 million to the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) for the Economic Equity Investment Fund. It would have also added enrollment as a member of a state or federally-recognized Indian tribe or descent from a parent or grandparent who is or was enrolled as an economic equity risk factor used in the Economic Equity Investment Program under [ORS 285B.761](#) (2023).



- HB 4042 B** ✗ The measure would have established the Industrial Site Loan Fund (ISLF) and appropriated \$40 million to the fund from the General Fund. It would have authorized the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to provide financial assistance and forgivable loans from the ISLF to a project sponsor for allowable costs for an industrial land development project or a planning project in accordance with specified criteria. The measure would have added semiconductor-related development activities directly to the electronic commerce designation qualifications within the Oregon Enterprise Zone Act.
- HB 4098** ✓ The measure establishes the CHIPS Child Care Fund and appropriates \$2.5 million in General Funds to the Oregon Business Development Department to be deposited into the fund to build new childcare infrastructure and provide funding for those in construction apprentice programs to pay for childcare. The measure declares an emergency and takes effect on passage.
- Note:** The measure is also included in the Legislative Summary Report on Education and Early Childhood.

General Business

- HB 4101 A** ✗ The measure would have required the Secretary of State (SOS) to collect specified information when registering a business; sharing of this information would have been voluntary.

Professional Licensure

- HB 4020** ✓ The measure requires all applicants for a commission as a notary public to complete a course of study offered by the Secretary of State (SOS) or an approved entity before taking the required test administered by the SOS. This training requirement will apply to all applicants on or after January 1, 2025.

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