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Small business bill advances in State Legislature

Rep. McKeown is chief sponsor of HB 2643

SALEM – Today the House Committee on Business and Labor unanimously supported a bill that aims to help small business owners climb out of the recession and boost local economies. Representative Caddy McKeown (D – Coos Bay) is the chief sponsor of the legislation.

“Small businesses employed more than half of Oregonians in 2011. We must support this sector of our economy if we want to see real growth and start putting people back to work,” Rep. McKeown said.

House Bill 2643 directs the Secretary of State study the fees that local and state agencies impose on small businesses. This comprehensive analysis will help the legislature assist the small businesses impacted by these costs.

“Job growth is a top priority for Oregon,” Rep. McKeown said. “It is the legislature’s responsibility to better understand the financial obligations placed on small businesses and then provide the appropriate support.”

HB 2643 now moves to the Ways and Means Committee for further consideration.

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Representative McKeown was elected to represent House District 9 in November 2012. She serves on the House Committees on Agriculture and Natural Resources (Vice-Chair) and Transportation and Economic Development. She is also a member of a Task Force on O&C Counties and the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development. Oregon’s 77th Legislative Session began February 4, 2013.