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Fifth-annual Oregon Coast Economic Summit features diverse discussions
*Oregon Coastal Caucus members to co-host annual event with small business leaders,
federal, state and local officials*

NORTH BEND – Current and former lawmakers as well as state government officials and business leaders will be joining forces Monday and Tuesday at The Mill Casino to discuss solutions to complex economic issues facing rural and coastal Oregon.

The fifth-annual Oregon Coast Economic Summit will include keynote speakers Sen. Ron Wyden, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici, Ninth Circuit Court Judge Alex Kozinski, Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins, Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, University of Oregon President Michael Schill and Oregon State University President Ed Ray. Several leaders of private businesses, including brewing, healthcare and other industries also will be speaking.

Numerous panels of expert speakers will discuss topics pertinent to the coastal economy in Oregon. Some highlights of what to expect at this year's summit include the following discussions and presentations:

- The Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit;
- Statewide transportation needs;
- The Business of Craft Breweries;
- Rural Health Disparities and Solutions; and
- Many more.

More than 500 business, government, political and community leaders will be in attendance. The event is coordinated by the Oregon Legislature's Coastal Caucus, which comprises members of the House of Representatives and Senate who represent coastal and some other rural regions of the state. Regional Solutions – which works to remove barriers, solve problems and align state resources with other public, private, philanthropic and higher education resources to address economic and community development priorities – will be assisting with coordinating logistics for presentations and speakers. The Coquille Indian Tribe is hosting the event.

For more information about discussion topics, speakers and other details, those interested can go online to <http://bit.ly/2aU7HXL>.

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