

SENATE MAJORITY OFFICE

Oregon State Legislature State Capitol Salem, OR

NEWS RELEASE

November 16, 2011

CONTACT: Molly Woon (503) 986-1074 molly.woon@state.or.us

Regulation streamlining hearing planned in Senate Committee

Business leaders and state experts to testify on how to improve state efficiency

SALEM –Continuing their work to investigate how the state can better support Oregon businesses and cut red tape, the Senate Business, Transportation, and Economic Development Committee will meet this afternoon to take testimony on Oregon's regulatory environment.

"We have an obligation to keep up on our work to find ways to improve the business climate in Oregon," said Senator Lee Beyer (D-Springfield), chair of the Committee. "We are going directly to the source to ask business leaders where the Legislature should be focused in our ongoing efforts to support homegrown business and create family wage jobs."

Representatives from the Associated Oregon Industries, the Oregon Business Association, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses, among others, are expected to testify this afternoon.

November Legislative Days mark the second time that interim committees have met in preparation for the 2012 short session, with future meetings planned in January. The consolidation of interim work over designated three day periods was implemented in 2009 to save taxpayer dollars and improve government efficiency while the Legislature is not in session.

- WHO: Senate Business, Transportation, and Economic Development Committee Testimony from Oregon business groups and others
- WHERE: Hearing Room B, State Capitol, Salem, Ore., streaming live <u>here</u>.WHEN: Wednesday, November 16, 2011, 2:00 PM.

###

You can find the complete list of Senate Democrats' 2011 successes at <u>http://www.leg.state.or.us/senatedemocrats/2011_accomplishments.pdf</u>