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### **Bipartisan Bill to Help Rural Oregon Create Jobs Passes Oregon Senate**

*2016 Senate Republican Agenda Bill Passes 27-0*

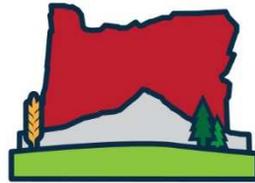
Salem, Ore - Today, the Oregon Senate unanimously passed a bipartisan bill to empower local governments to attract and retain small and family businesses. SB 1565-A, introduced by Senator Brian Boquist (R-Dallas) and sponsored by 35 Democrat and Republican legislators, will be especially valuable to struggling rural areas still recovering from job loss during the recent recession.

"This bill is a practical step toward cutting red tape and restoring the ability of local governments to incentivize businesses to locate in rural areas, grow and create good jobs," said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). "Oregon already provides similar incentives to attract large businesses. Extending these incentives to apply to small and family businesses is a vote of confidence for the businesses that provide good, family-wage jobs in struggling communities. This is a testament to Senator Boquist's commitment to support small, rural businesses in Oregon."

This bill updates SB 938, passed unanimously by the Oregon Senate in 2015. It failed to pass in the House of Representatives. Today, SB 1565-A passed unanimously in the Oregon Senate and once again goes to the House for consideration.

SB 1565-A was one of four bills proposed under the 2016 Senate Republican Agenda, which can be found [here](#).

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