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Six Bills To Help Oregon Small Businesses Fail in Oregon Senate

Senate Democrats Reject Common-Sense Ideas to Help Small Businesses Grow, Create Jobs

Salem, OR - This week, Senate Republicans introduced half a dozen bills to support Oregon's small businesses and working families. Senate Democrats rejected all six in 18-12 party-line votes.

"We've wasted the first four months of this legislative session on partisan bills that harm small businesses, working families and fixed-income seniors," said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). "This week, Senate Democrats had the opportunity to reach across the aisle and pass common-sense bills to reduce regulations on small businesses, create family wage jobs and increase economic opportunity for all Oregonians. They wasted that opportunity by putting partisanship over the needs of Oregon's families and small businesses."

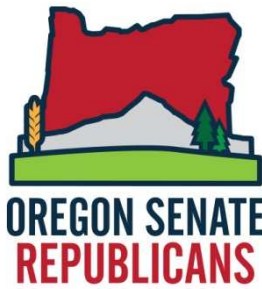
Among the bills rejected by Senate Democrats were SB 746, which creates a tax credit for business owners creating new jobs that pay at least 10% over the average wage; two bills, SB 527 and SJR 13, that reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses by reigning in unnecessary agency rulemaking; SB 637, which lowers the property tax burden on small businesses, working families and fixed-income seniors; SJR 24, a bill to reduce liability costs for small business owners; and SB 795, which requires legislative approval for new fees on small businesses, creating oversight of agency feemaking.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we rely on them to create family-wage jobs across Oregon communities," explained Senator Tim Knopp (R-Bend). "These six bills would have provided crucial relief from the growing mountain of fees and regulations small businesses face every day. It's time we reduce the burden on small businesses so they

can grow and create new, home-grown Oregon jobs."

All six pro-small business bills failed on a procedural vote in the Oregon Senate after failing to move out of committee earlier this session.

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