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Rep. Brock Smith Requests Colleague & Governor's Support on Ways to Assist Residents and Businesses Economically

Port Orford – State Representative David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford) requests that his colleagues and Governor Brown support the four plans outlined below that will assist the residents and businesses of Oregon and urges them to reach out to our Federal Delegation in support of these measures.

“With much needed focus on the health, life and safety of Oregonians and the resources to do so, we also need to respond to the economic hardships that are dramatically occurring now and in the future,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “Oregonians are staying home to protect themselves and the public from this coronavirus spreading and overwhelming our health care systems.” “They are doing so at great financial burden to themselves and their families,” he said. “Including these steps in a Federal & State financial response will greatly improve recovery.”

Rep. Brock Smith outlined four proposals to advocate support for State and Federal action that will positively impact our residents, there businesses and the communities that support them.

1. State and Federal backed financial institutions give temporary (minimum of two months) deferral of residential and business mortgage interest and principal payments on loans.
2. Businesses be allowed to utilize their insurance; backed by federal financial resources, to claim reimbursement of financial losses from the coronavirus pandemic.
3. All Agricultural and Ranching businesses be temporarily exempt from USDA inspection requirements and be allowed to sell and donate beef, lamb and pork products directly to the public and food banks.
4. All Fishers be granted a waiver of fees and regulations associated with selling fish, crab, shrimp and other seafood from their boat directly to the public.

“These are just a few of the recommendations that could significantly assist our residents,” said Rep. Brock Smith. “Direct payments from the Feds are great, but loan deferral would carry down to rent deferral and would positively impact all Oregonians and their businesses. I respectfully request the support of my Legislative Colleagues, Governor Brown and our Federal Senators and Representatives for their support,” he said.

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Rep. David Brock Smith represents House District 1, which includes Curry, Coos, Douglas and Josephine counties. This press release and an archive of previous press releases issued by Rep. David Brock Smith’s office are available on the web at: www.oregonlegislature.gov/smithd