State Representative Kim Thatcher House District 25

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Rep Thatcher Statement on the Nike Bill

(Salem) <u>State Representative Kim Thatcher</u> (R-Keizer, Newberg, St. Paul) made the following statements on the floor of the Oregon House this evening before voting no on <u>House Bill 4200</u>:

"'Certainty' is one thing I really like about this bill...I certainly want Nike to stay here. I want them to grow and expand here and do all these great things....Certainty is important to every business in this state. Government, can sometimes set businesses up to fail.

What we do in this building matters. We can either encourage or discourage a strong state economy. But our economy depends on businesses of all sizes, not just the large ones. We need them no doubt, but we especially rely on the smaller ones.

I, and others, offered amendments that would've allowed all businesses access to certainty. I offered an amendment which would've added accountability measures with legislative oversight This is a frustrating vote. We all want the same thing; we all want a thriving economy. It's how we get there that matters. Freedom, fairness, and prosperity—that's the path we should be taking."

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