

## **HB 2301 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **House Committee On Economic Recovery and Prosperity**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the State Treasurer to establish a small business support loan program to aid small businesses during a statewide or regional emergency or disruption. Defines "small business" as those businesses with 50 or fewer employees. Specifies the qualifying criteria for a small business to receive assistance under the program, and directs the State Treasurer to focus support on stated eligibility and underwriting criteria. Provides for alternative recourses to foreclosure for small businesses in the program. Limits the amount a small business may borrow under the program and uses for which the small business may spend loan proceeds. Establishes the Small Business Support Loan Fund as separate and distinct from the General Fund, and permits the State Treasurer to issue bonds as necessary to meet the demand for loans under the program. Becomes operative on January 1, 2022. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

##### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

More than 95 percent of employers in Oregon employ fewer than 50 workers, which represents nearly 40 percent of the workforce in Oregon. House Bill 2301 requires the State Treasurer to implement a small business support loan program targeted at assisting those small businesses that are directly impacted by a statewide or regional emergency or disruption. The program is funded by the issuance of bonds. The measure provides for alternative recourses to foreclosure for those businesses participating in the program.