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To: House Committee on Rules; others

Re: **I SUPPORT [HB 3389]...GOOD START!** *More assistance is needed to support Oregonian businesses.*

Senators: Hansell, Riley

Representatives: Bonham, Gomberg, Holvey, Lively, Neron and Prusak

Thank-you for your consideration(s) to assist small businesses!

But, an Amendment is needed to address the following concerns.

Consider forgiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) contributions *in toto* for businesses.

Construct funding sources for UI forgiveness from the Office of Employment Development Funds.

Federal assistance is coming and could be utilized for the aforementioned purpose.

Additional funding sources should be utilized to address the injustices caused by the State of Oregon.

***Businesses needlessly suffered significant loss of revenues from the issues below.

1. The State of Oregon through [**Executive Order 20-12**] wreaked havoc upon businesses despite businesses being able to operate safely utilizing masks, hand sanitizers and social distancing practices.
2. The "social unrest" also known as the "Riots in Portland" which were intentionally allowed to proceed for well over one-hundred (100) nights also devastated the business community's revenues.
3. The Multnomah County District Attorney's refusal to prosecute the criminals arrested by; the Portland Police Bureau, the Oregon State Police and or any additional law enforcement agencies contributed to the loss of revenue the business community still suffers.
4. Utility cost recovery is an additional issue for compensation of loss of revenues for businesses.
5. Wildfire related business losses should receive compensation as to fault.
6. Wildfire building permit fees should be waived for five (5) years.

Through forgiving the UI costs and legitimate compensation, businesses will rocket back into prosperity.

Employees of business with state funded UI costs will also flourish.

The increased prosperity will see significant revenue increases via Income Tax collections.

All businesses should be treated "equally under the law."

Respectfully submitted

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