

House Bill 3272

Sponsored by Representative BYNUM; Representative NELSON

SUMMARY

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Permits Secretary of State to share and communicate with approved organizations information about ethnicity, domicile and veteran status of owner or principal of large business that applies for or renews license, permit or registration in this state. Requires local agencies and state agencies to collect and report information about ethnicity, domicile and veteran status of owner or principal of large business.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to information collected in conjunction with business registrations in this state; amending
3 ORS 56.180 and 56.185; and prescribing an effective date.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 56.180 is amended to read:

6 56.180. (1) A Business Registration Information Center is established within the Office of the
7 Secretary of State.

8 (2) The primary functions of the center are:

9 (a) To develop a system within the center by which accurate and easily understandable infor-
10 mation with respect to the business registration requirements of participating state agencies **and**
11 **agencies of local government, as defined in ORS 174.116**, may be made available to persons
12 undertaking a new business or operating an existing business;

13 (b) To establish a business portal as provided in subsection (3) of this section; [*and*]

14 (c) To advertise and make the business portal described in subsection (3) of this section and
15 information described in this subsection available to all persons who request the information[.]; **and**

16 **(d) To share and communicate information the Secretary of State collects under ORS**
17 **56.185 (2) with organizations that the center determines are:**

18 **(A) Community-based;**

19 **(B) Fostering economic development; and**

20 **(C) Engaged in substantive efforts to increase in this state the number of minority-owned**
21 **businesses, women-owned businesses and businesses that veterans own.**

22 (3)(a) The center shall establish, maintain and update a business portal called the "One Stop
23 Shop for Oregon Business" that is accessible through the Internet and that provides information,
24 services and resources for:

25 (A) Starting, expanding and operating a business in Oregon or relocating a business within or
26 to Oregon;

27 (B) Understanding state and local government rules, ordinances and policies that apply to busi-
28 ness;

29 (C) Understanding how to classify a business for registration purposes;

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

- 1 (D) Registering, licensing and obtaining needed permits for a business;
- 2 (E) Obtaining information about financing and tax credits available to businesses;
- 3 (F) Understanding business taxes and rules and policies concerning taxation that apply to busi-
- 4 nesses;
- 5 (G) Obtaining information about and assistance with exporting;
- 6 (H) Obtaining information about and resources for hiring workers in Oregon;
- 7 (I) Obtaining information about public contracting;
- 8 (J) Obtaining information about and resources for business relocation;
- 9 (K) Obtaining information about and assistance with training for businesses; and
- 10 (L) Obtaining other information, services and resources related to business in Oregon.

11 (b) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, and local government, as defined
 12 in ORS 174.116, that have functions related to business registration, licensing, permitting or taxation
 13 or that otherwise can provide information for or assist with establishing, expanding, operating or
 14 relocating a business are directed to cooperate with and assist the center in performing the center's
 15 duties under subsection (3) of this section.

16 (4) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of [*subsection*
 17 (3) of] this section.

18 **SECTION 2.** ORS 56.185 is amended to read:

19 56.185. (1) As used in this section:

20 (a) **“Large business” means a business that is not a small business.**

21 [(a)] (b) “Local agency” means every county, city, school district, municipal organization, dis-
 22 trict or political subdivision, or any board, commission or agency thereof, or any other local public
 23 agency.

24 [(b)] (c) “Small business” means a prospective, new or established business with 100 or fewer
 25 employees that is or will be located in Oregon.

26 [(c)] (d) “State agency” means every state office, department, division, bureau, board or com-
 27 mission or any other state agency.

28 (2) The Secretary of State shall **collect from local agencies and state agencies the infor-**
 29 **mation specified in subsection (3) of this section and shall create and** maintain the Oregon
 30 License Directory as a searchable, statewide database containing information regarding licenses,
 31 permits and registrations for which fees and fee-related regulations are imposed on small businesses
 32 by local agencies and state agencies in Oregon. **Except as provided in subsection (4) of this**
 33 **section,** the Secretary of State shall make the Oregon License Directory available on the Internet
 34 to the public free of charge.

35 (3) All local agencies and state agencies that have functions related to the issuance of licenses,
 36 permits and registrations for which fees and fee-related regulations are imposed on small businesses
 37 [*must*] **and large businesses shall:**

38 (a) **Collect and** report information in a manner [*to be designated by*] the Secretary of State
 39 **specifies** by rule for inclusion in the Oregon License Directory, including but not limited to:

40 (A) Information regarding the average time to process and issue licenses, permits and registra-
 41 tions for which fees are imposed on small businesses and the number of active licenses, permits and
 42 registrations; and

43 (B) **The ethnicity, domicile, veteran status and street address or electronic mail address**
 44 **of each owner and principal of a large business that applies for or renews a license, permit**
 45 **or registration; and**

1 (b) Review and update the information required under paragraph (a) of this subsection on or
2 before July 1, but not later than September 1, of each year.

3 **(4)(a) The Secretary of State may not make the information that local agencies and state**
4 **agencies report under subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section available or searchable on the**
5 **Internet unless the person to whom the information pertains has given explicit written**
6 **consent to make the information available and searchable.**

7 **(b) The Secretary of State may share or communicate with organizations described in**
8 **ORS 56.180 (2)(d), by electronic means or otherwise, the information that local agencies and**
9 **state agencies report under subsection (3)(a)(B) of this section.**

10 [(4)] (5) The Secretary of State may adopt rules necessary to implement the provisions of this
11 section.

12 **SECTION 3. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023**
13 **regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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