
OREGON SMALL BUSINESSES SUPPORT SENATE BILL 127

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Chair Meek and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of my clients listed below, representing thousands of small businesses across the state of Oregon, please support SB127, increasing the CAT threshold from \$1 million to \$5 million.

My impacted clients are:

- Northwest Auto Trades Association
- Oregon Power Sports Association
- Oregon RV Dealer Association
- Oregon State Association of Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors
- Oregon Vehicle Dealers Association
- Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon

The CAT is paid even if a business is unprofitable and struggling to stay open. This was certainly an issue during the COVID pandemic, and it continues to be an issue with inflationary pressures, supply chain obstacles, and adequate staffing struggles continuing to impact businesses across Oregon.

The relatively small impact of this change on the overall state biennial budget is negligible versus the enormity of the impact SB127 will have on many small struggling businesses in every corner of the state, and in nearly every sector of our economy.

Thank you for considering moving SB127 to the floor of the Senate for passage.

