

From the desk of Senator Daniel
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Oppose SB 426B: Still Hurts Small Business, Still Doesn't Stop Bad Actors

What they say: The amendment removes small business from the bill.

FACT CHECK: The “commercial unit” language is so ambiguous that it **provides no clarity**, only more confusion, for small businesses.

What they say: There has been extensive work and compromise on this bill.

FACT CHECK: There has been **little compromise or negotiation** with the majority of associations and businesses who are concerned about the outcomes of this bill. Importantly, in the House, **no discussions have occurred with minority contractors**, a section of the construction industry that will be particularly hit hard by these changes.

What they say: The -A22 amendment adopted in the House solves the issues for businesses and contractors.

FACT CHECK: This amendment primarily just makes the changes needed to make sure the bill matches what Senators were incorrectly told was in the A-engrossed bill.

What they say: The amendment gets at the problem by getting victims of wage theft paid faster.

FACT CHECK: An amendment was offered (and rejected) that would have given the option of **binding arbitration to get victims paid faster**. Union members only have this option, but are unwilling to allow open shop employees to have the same quick process.

The Reality: SB 426B continues to hurt businesses, particularly minority businesses, throughout Oregon. **The bill proponents have rejected a multitude of common sense amendments that would have actually targeted wage theft.** Instead, we're left with a bill that doesn't get at bad actors, and instead just hurts property owners and contractors throughout the state.

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