

From the desk of
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HB 5024 – Oregon Business Development Department

The announcement by Dutch Bros that they are leaving the state of Oregon to the more business friendly climate of Arizona is emblematic of the exodus of Oregon businesses to other regions of the country. It is clear that Oregon is missing the mark – we are lucky to have the businesses we have, but how long will they continue to stay?

The University of Oregon released a survey showing that many of our businesses who haven't left yet are pondering it, as other states are trying to lure them away. Businesses say Oregon CAN'T adequately offer them:

Tax benefits; Infrastructure/land availability; Existing facilities; Business friendly climate; Regulatory certainty and responsiveness; Workforce support; Effective economic development ecosystem and programs; Developed entrepreneurial and innovation ecosystems; and, Business relocation support.

We can do better for Oregon businesses.

THE STORY

Other states are trying to lure Oregon businesses away. A recent study says it's working

Factors like high taxes and a burdensome regulatory system have made Oregon companies more receptive to the advances of out-of-state recruiters, the UO survey found.



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