

Submitter: Marie Green
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB77

Rural areas are comprised by a large portion of land designated as farm, forest or farm/forest in the State of Oregon. Communities in these rural areas have given birth to many innovative businesses. Small businesses meets the needs of the rural population, and provides for the financial needs of their owners. You will find ventures such as wedding venues, wine tasting rooms, bed and breakfasts, construction businesses, exotic urns for ashes, aerospace parts, and much, much more. Some of these businesses have started small but have grown and moved into industrial parks or warehouses.

By allowing home occupations without these proposed restrictions, landowners can expand their incomes and provide jobs that support local economies. These small business enterprises do not cause harm to the surrounding environment. In many cases they enhance it. I invite you to take a drive through rural Oregon, you would see for yourself.

In addition, businesses pay taxes, something the State needs. The preservation of rural Oregonians' right to use their land for a small business only helps Oregon as a whole.

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this piece of legislation. It is unnecessary and an extreme overreach of government. Thank you for your time and consideration.