



March 17, 2025

**TO:** Members of the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade  
**FR:** Duke Shepard, Oregon Business & Industry  
**RE:** OBI Supports HB 3588

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OBI is a statewide association representing businesses across a wide variety of industries from all 36 of Oregon's counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, more than 75% of which are small businesses, employ over 250,000 Oregonians. Oregon's private-sector businesses drive a healthy, prosperous economy for the benefit of everyone.

Oregon Business and Industry is pleased to support HB 3588 with the understanding of forthcoming amendments that will replace the existing taskforce language with substantive regulatory relief for small businesses.

The challenges expressed on today's record by small businesses are very real. Many small, often one- or two-person businesses make use of shared space for their office needs. The unintended and unexpected interaction of Oregon law as amended in 2017 with United States Postal Service (USPS) regulatory changes require a state-based solution.

These USPS are more stringent in terms of maintaining identity and address verification of members, rendering Oregon's regulation prohibiting registration of businesses as Commercial Mail Receiving Agencies is unnecessary and counterproductive.

Thank you for your attention to this important small business matter.