

HB 4061 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Action Date: 02/11/26

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 12-0-0-0

Yeas: 12 - Bunch, Diehl, Dobson, Isadore, Lively, Nguyen D, Osborne, Rieke Smith, Skarlatos, Sosa, Watanabe, Yunker

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/2, 2/9, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure allocates \$950,000 to the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to establish and administer a program of small business tariff-relief grants. The measure establishes the grant criteria. The measure directs Business Oregon to update its unified trade strategy, in collaboration with the Port of Portland, the Oregon Tourism Commission, the State Department of Agriculture, and other stakeholders, to advance specified economic objectives. The measure directs the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to produce for the legislature a draft procurement reform roadmap by September 15, 2026, and a final roadmap by December 15, 2026. It specifies criteria to be included in the roadmap. The measure establishes a task force to develop a business and investment retention strategy and specifies task force membership, procedures, and objectives. The measure directs the task force to issue a report to the legislature by December 15, 2026, including recommendations for statutory, policy, and governance changes. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Tariff relief for small businesses
- Leveraging state buying power to help small businesses
- Focusing on and messaging Oregon's economic strengths
- Composition and objectives of the business and investment retention task force

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment removes the allocation to Business Oregon for the unified trade strategy. It allocates \$950,000 to Business Oregon to establish and administer a program of small business tariff-relief grants. The amendment establishes grant criteria. The amendment also modifies the scope of DAS's procurement reform roadmap, and it eliminates the task force's draft recommendations, with the final report still due on December 15, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Recent federal tariffs have [impacted Oregon's businesses and economy](#). In 2024, [Oregon imported over \\$28 billion](#) in goods from other countries and exported over \$34 billion in goods to other countries.

Business Oregon, the Port of Portland, the Oregon Tourism Commission, and the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) work together on Oregon's trade strategy. As the state's economic development agency, Business Oregon supports businesses in developing export market strategies and works to attract foreign direct investment to the state. The Port of Portland plays a key role in state trade and conducts associated trade studies. The Oregon Tourism Commission, also known as Travel Oregon, is a semi-independent state agency that

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promotes tourism to Oregon in both domestic and international markets. The ODA works to promote, develop, and expand worldwide markets for Oregon’s agricultural products.

DAS is the central administrative agency of the Oregon state government. DAS works to implement legislative and executive policy and financial decisions. The [DAS procurement dashboard](#) shows that between October 2022 and October 2025, the State of Oregon procured \$7 billion in services.