



LAST CHANCE for Annual Awards Dinner Tickets

Get your tickets today. **TICKET SALES CLOSE AT 5:00 PM, TOMORROW, MARCH 17.** You don't want to miss the chamber's March 23 annual awards dinner and meeting of the membership. Tickets will not be available after March 17. Get your tickets [HERE](#). The annual celebration of our local business community is held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds' Community Conference Hall from 5:45 to 8:00 p.m. Chamber leadership will share the organization's activities for the past year and discuss future priorities. The evening's festivities will include business of the year honors and, of course, the announcement of our 2022 First Citizens will highlight the evening.

For Roseburg Area Chamber members tickets are \$65/person or \$520 for a table of eight. Tickets for non-members are \$75/person. Any past RACC board chair or past First Citizen is, of course, covered under the chamber's member rate. Members can purchase tickets [online](#) or by returning the [dinner flyer](#) with payment by the March 17 deadline.

Thank you to our generous member-sponsors, title sponsor [Cascade Community Credit Union](#) and corporate sponsors [Lone Rock Resources](#) and [Umpqua Insurance Agency](#), for supporting the 2023 annual awards dinner!

Call to Action: Support Small Business

Legislative bills would provide tax relief to Oregon small business. The business community has a real opportunity to impact positive change in the legislature this session which would provide tax relief to thousands of small businesses across Oregon.

In the wake of a global pandemic, businesses across Oregon have continued to weather challenges like workforce shortages and economic uncertainty. The business community has rallied behind two bills, [HB 2433](#) and [SB 127](#), which would increase the exemption in the Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) from \$1 million to \$5 million for small businesses. This timely legislation would provide much needed tax relief to thousands of small businesses across Oregon.

This is one of the most important issues the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) and chambers throughout Oregon are supporting this session. As it stands, 72% of businesses filing are under \$5 million in commercial activity. However, they only account for 6.5% of total CAT revenue. If enacted, this would have a direct impact on the majority of small businesses in the state.

Chambers and small businesses raised the flag, and legislators are listening. We encourage you to send a letter to your legislator and let them know that increasing the exemption in the CAT would truly make a difference in supporting local economies and keeping small businesses alive. The legislature needs to help turn Oregon into a more business-friendly state.

The Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce has submitted a letter in support of HB 2433 and SB 127, but legislators need to hear from our members on the real-life impact this has on your business and the other businesses in our community. The most important thing you can share is your personal business story. The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce has provided a portal to submit your letter with additional information about the CAT tax.

SUBMIT YOUR LETTER TODAY

Save These Dates!

4/10 April Membership Meeting Lunch—Tickets on Sale Late March

4/11 Business After Hours at [Pinnacle Engineering](#)—Watch for More Details!

5/15 May Membership Meeting Lunch—Tickets on Sale Late April

In Chamber Advocacy News . . .

There are approximately 3000 bills in process in Oregon's 82nd Legislative Assembly. RACC continues to monitor hundreds of business bills, weighing in when appropriate. On the chamber's website

members can find [“Calls to Action,”](#) [“Current News”](#) including links to RACC-submitted testimony, updates of RACC’s [“Issues & Positions”](#) and [weekly legislative updates regarding business legislation](#). The chamber’s [2023-24 Public Affairs & Legislative Agenda](#) is also online.

The chamber encourages our members to utilize the [Oregon Legislative Information System or OLIS](#) for the most current information about bill specifics and status of proposed legislation during the Oregon Legislative session.

[In Other Chamber News . . .](#)

Check out the chamber’s [March/April 2023 issue of Business Perspectives e-newsletter](#) to learn about new members, renewing members, member news, promotional opportunities and upcoming programs and events. Past issues of *Business Perspectives* and previous “Chamber News” member emails can also be found online [HERE!](#) Visit the [Chamber Calendar](#) online for chamber programs, events and deadlines. Your best resource for chamber information is on the [Roseburg Area Chamber website!](#)

Debbie

Debra L. Fromdahl, IOM
President & CEO
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

