

ACTION ALERT!

Tell Legislators: Vote NO on HB 3962

Passage of [HB 3962 -14 amendment](#) would be gutting to local tourism/hospitality industries and small businesses reliant on tourism promotion in Oregon, particularly rural communities. The -14 amendment was adopted by the House Committee on Revenue late last week and could soon be headed for the House Floor. HB 3962 would fundamentally alter the definitions set forth in the 2003 legislation, which created a 70/30 split with 70% dedicated to tourism promotion, marketing or facilities and 30% unrestricted for the local municipality to use in whatever manner they choose. If passed, HB 3962, -14 amendment would essentially “flip” the percentages with 60% of TLT dollars being unrestricted at the local level and 40% being available for tourism promotion, marketing and facilities. Cutting marketing and promotional dollars by nearly half! [Read RACC’s June 16 letter to key legislators opposing HB 3962](#).

RACC has on two previous occasions opposed HB 3962 and various proposed amendments. On June 4, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce sent [opposition letters regarding HB 3962 to key state legislators](#), as a follow up to our [May 6 opposition testimony](#) to the House Committee on Revenue. This bill is opposed by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Business & Industry, Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Assn, Travel Oregon, local chambers of commerce and destination marketing organizations, hotels, B&Bs, wineries, visitor destinations and more from all over Oregon.

Please email legislators and let them know the adverse impact HB 3962 would have on business. Use the button below to find the email addresses for legislators.

FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR

Accepting Applications for 2025-26 Leadership Roseburg

The chamber is accepting applications for its 2025-26 Project Leadership program. Are you or one of your employees interested in enhancing your knowledge, strengthening our community, developing relationships and expanding your horizons? Then Project Leadership Roseburg is where you belong. The chamber’s 36th year of Project Leadership Roseburg begins on September 11, so [APPLY NOW](#). For details about this distinguished leadership program, check out the chamber’s [May/June issue of Business Perspectives newsletter](#). For 2025-26 curriculum, program specifics and application forms, [CLICK HERE](#)!

Applications may be submitted two ways: (1) Mail the application along with a check for the \$50 application fee to the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1026, Roseburg, OR 97470, or (2) Email the application to the chamber business office (roseburg@roseburgareachamber.org) and pay the \$50 application fee by credit card online using the link [HERE](#). Don’t delay.

Oregon’s Challenging Business Climate

Last week, [Oregon Business & Industry](#) Research and Education Foundation released a study which found that Oregon is one of the most heavily regulated states in the nation, ranking at number 7. The regulatory impact analysis showed that Oregon’s regulatory burden has been increasing rapidly, swelling by 5.6% between 2022 and 2023 alone. If that pace continues,

Oregon's regulations will double in just over a decade. The regulatory impact study was conducted by researchers with the Maryland-based [StratACUMEN Group](#), whose approach integrates quantitative analysis and economic literature review.

Some of the study's most notable findings include:

- For each 10% increase in business regulations, a typical small- and mid-sized business loses up to 2.58 jobs.
- A 10% increase in business regulations reduces the number of businesses by 0.5%.
- A 10% increase in business regulations decreases startups by up to 7%.
- A 10% increase in business regulations raises consumer prices by 1%.
- Oregon is the seventh most regulated state in the nation.
- Oregon has 224,000 state-imposed regulatory restrictions.
- Oregon has 57% more environmental rules than the average state.
- Oregon has 264% more rules for animal production than the average state.
- Oregon has 576% more rules for fabricated metals manufacturing than the average state.
- Oregon's regulations increased by 5.6% between 2022 and 2023 and, at that pace, would double by 2036.
- 50% of Oregon's regulations are duplicative or burdensome.

Read the full Regulatory Study [HERE](#).

A June 13 article in the *Willamette Week* "The Departure of Oregon Companies Speaks to a Bigger Problem" is worth a read [HERE](#).

Oregon Legislative Update

It's been a challenging couple of weeks for business in the Oregon Legislature. [SB 426](#), which holds contractors and landowners liable for the unpaid wages of subcontractors' employees, passed and was signed by the Governor on June 9. Changes to the original bill, exempted a homeowner's principal residence or real property with five or fewer residential or commercial units on a single tract. After hard fought battles in both the House and Senate, the highly controversial and contested [SB 916](#), UI benefits for striking workers, passed. Final changes to the bill, reduced the total weeks of unemployment insurance benefits striking workers can collect from 26 weeks down to 10 weeks, with a provision further limiting them to eight weeks if unemployment is at recession levels.

In addition to HB 3962, discussed above, another bad-for-business bill getting a resurgence is [HB 3838](#), which would create a labor standards board for home health care workers, passed out of committee late last week. [RACC opposes this bill](#).

On June 9, with less than three weeks left in the session, legislative leadership finally released a proposed transportation package, [HB 2025](#). Oregon Business & Industry indicates the 102-page proposal includes nearly a dozen new or increased taxes and fees, from a 37.5% increase in the gas tax to a *tripling* of the employee payroll tax used to fund public transit. While legislative leadership did not have an estimate when the bill dropped, they indicated that they expected it to amount to about \$1 billion in revenue and spending per year. However, as reported by [The Oregonian](#), a draft report issued by the Legislative Revenue Office shows that figure at \$1 billion per year by 2028 and \$2 billion per year in 2033. The report is not yet posted to the bill's informational page. To pass, this bill requires a 3/5 majority vote in both the House and Senate.

Some bright spots remain this session. [SB 123](#), exempting pharmacy (prescription drug) sales from the CAT tax and [SB 125](#) exempting health care providers who provide Medicare/Medicaid services from the CAT tax both gained positive momentum this past week. [SB 1196](#), which would allow enforcement of liability waivers for Oregon's fitness, recreation and outdoor industries, will be getting a second hearing this week. RACC supports passage of these bills.

More Chamber News

The chamber’s membership meeting lunches are on summer break, returning on Monday, September 15. Save these dates!

- August 21 Project Leadership Application Deadline
- September 11 2025-26 Project Leadership Roseburg Begins
- September 15 Membership Meeting Lunches Return
- October 16 Coffee & Commerce
- October 20 Membership Meeting Lunch
- November 1 Nominations Open for 2025 Recognitions
- November 17 Economic Forecast 2026
- November 17 Membership Meeting Lunch

Read the [May/June 2025 issue of Business Perspectives](#) to learn about new members, renewing members, chamber programs, activities and more. See past RACC-member communications [HERE](#) and “[Current News](#)” online. Check out RACC “[Issues & Positions.](#)” Visit the [Chamber Calendar](#) online for chamber programs, events and deadlines. Do you have friends and family visiting this summer? Check out our [Visitor Event Calendar](#) online for local events of interest to out-of-area guests.

Please reach out if you have any questions. This session, too, will pass . . . at least no later than June 29!
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