



Oregon State  
Chamber of Commerce

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# advocacy book

# OSCC State Advocacy

*The Oregon State Chamber of Commerce (OSCC) is a nonprofit trade association for Chambers with the mission to support and advocate for Oregon's local business community. OSCC's grassroots network includes more than 24,000 businesses in every corner of the state.*

## OSCC Information Center

### **Who represents me in state government?**

Find your legislator by following this [link](#) or searching online. You are represented by one state senator and one state representative. Learn more about the Oregon Capitol, history and Legislative Process from [these informational videos](#)

### **How do I get information about bills that I care about?**

Go to the [Oregon Legislative Information System](#) (OLIS) and be sure to choose the 'session year.' If you need help navigating OLIS, click on [this guide](#).

### **How can you plug in to OSCC advocacy efforts?**

Participate in the OSCC Local Chamber Grassroots Partnership and receive action alerts and public policy notices.

# Written Comments

*Drafting and submitting written testimony*

Chair John Jones, Senate Committee on Family Matters

SB 2, Employer Payroll Tax to Fund Child Care

July 1, 2017

Chair Jones and Committee members,

**Paragraph 1:** *Establish context.* Who are you? How is the bill relevant to you as a business representative?

**Paragraph 2:** *Describe policy concerns.* What provisions are you supporting or opposing and why? Do you support the base bill or the amendments?

**Paragraph 3:** *Implications.* If this bill passes, it will assist/harm my business by...X.

**Paragraph 4:** *Close with your request.* This bill is good/bad policy that will \_\_\_ my business. Please support/ oppose this bill/ these amendments.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

Sincerely,

Xxxx

# Public Testimony

*Although public speaking can be intimidating, personal testimony from individual businesses is very impactful at the capitol and in front of local governing bodies. Like anything else, it just takes practice.*

*OSCC staff are on hand in Salem to assist you with writing comments and testifying in front of legislative committees or state boards and commissions.*



## Things to remember:

**Thank the committee for the opportunity to testify.**

*Chair \_\_\_\_\_, thank you for hearing my testimony today.*

**Begin your testimony by introducing yourself.**

*Hello, my name is Jane Smith and I own a restaurant in Clatsop County.*

**Explain how you are impacted by the proposed legislation.**

*This bill does \_\_\_ and this will impact my business by \_\_\_.*

**Make your testimony personal.**

**End with gratitude.**

*Thank you for the opportunity today. I ask you to **support/ oppose** this bill.*

**And if you're asked a follow-up question, follow this format:**

*Chair \_\_\_\_\_ and Senator \_\_\_\_\_, to answer your question...*

# Other Advocacy Opportunities



- ◆ Host a **tour** of your business, and invite your legislators.
- ◆ Participate in a constituent coffee.
- ◆ Sign up for your legislators' newsletters.

## About Oregon State Chamber of Commerce

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OSCC's mission is to support and represent Oregon's local business community by serving as its advocate on business issues and by strengthening local Chambers. OSCC is the largest grassroots organization for business in the state OSCC is a private, non-profit trade association for Chambers of Commerce, representing over 80 local Chambers of Commerce and more than 24,000 local businesses in every corner of Oregon.

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OSCC has three areas of focus: **Advocacy**, **Professional Development** and **Professional Networking**.