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## Oregon House Approves Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership

*SB 482 will capitalize on region's advantages in manufacturing*

SALEM – The Oregon House unanimously sent legislation to Governor Kate Brown that creates the Pacific Northwest Manufacturing Partnership Advisory Committee (PNMP), a group dedicated to fostering manufacturing in the region.

“Manufacturing is critical to the economic success of our state,” said Representative Brian Clem (D-Salem). “By capitalizing on our region’s advantages, leveraging investment opportunities, coordinating research and commercialization, and accelerating innovation, we can ensure it remains the engine of our current economic recovery.”

The PNMP was formed in response to a federal initiative to accelerate the resurgence of manufacturing in the U.S. The Partnership includes interests from throughout SW Washington, the Willamette Valley, and the Columbia River Corridors. Individual members include cities, counties, community colleges, universities, research institutions, and multiple economic development and workforce organizations.

Business Oregon, the state’s economic development agency, will administer the PNMP, and the department will focus on facilitating regional collaboration among the manufacturing sector by working with relevant education and research institutions.

“Expanding opportunity for Oregonians is vital to moving our state’s economy forward,” said House Majority Leader Val Hoyle (D-West Eugene/Junction City), chief co-sponsor of Senate Bill 482. “Focusing our attention on the jobs that families in communities like mine need will ensure an easier path to the American Dream for Oregonians.”

SB 482 will now go to Governor Brown’s desk for her signature.

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