

Administrator REPORT

From: Economic Recovery Review Council
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I. Program Termination—SB766 “Repeal Clause”

Portions of SB766 are repealed when the Employment Department notices the ERRC and OLC that the average unemployment rate for the previous calendar year is less than 6%.

- ▶ The repeal occurs on the first even-numbered year, on January 2.

Portions of SB766 that would be repealed, include:

- Legislative findings,
- Industrial Projects of State Significance (no projects have applied to date),
- The Economic Recovery and Review Council (ERRC), members and authority,
- Operations of the council, and
- Funds and authority (there have been no funds appropriated)

Portions of SB766 not repealed, include;

- Approved Regionally Significant Industrial Areas,
- Removal of Regionally Significant Industrial Areas,
- Rules for maintaining industrial areas,
- Prioritization for funding transportation and public infrastructure,
- Requests for expedited industrial land use permit (DLCD), and
- DLCD administrative responsibilities.

Conclusions (Legislative Counsel)

1. Section 13 does not trigger abolishment of the ERRC on January 2 of the first even numbered year to occur after the annual average unemployment rate for Oregon drops to less than six percent. Section 13 requires the Employment Department to give notice of the annual unemployment rate when it goes below 6% to two specific entities, the Economic Recovery Review Council and the Office of the Legislative Council. Counsel believes that this singling out of the Economic Recovery Review Council and the Office of Legislative Council for notice means that specific notice needs to be sent by the Economic Department to the Economic Recovery Review Council and the Office of Legislative Council in order to trigger the abolishment of the ERRC. Notice to the world at large through publication of the annual unemployment rate by the Employment Department is not sufficient.

II. RSIA Interest

The department received a nomination from the South Coast in January 2016. After initial review, I recommended that the applicant consult with the South Coast Regional Solutions before submission. Following discussions with the Regional Solutions Team and the applicant, I was informed that they would like to proceed with the consideration of their submitted nomination.

While senior staff prepare the staff report, we will explore possible meeting dates in May to consider their nomination.

III. Regional Priorities

The department has established a semiannual schedule for accepting program intakes (RSIS and Site Certification) and to identify regional priorities. The statewide industrial site inventory and economic impact tools will assist Regional Solutions Teams in identifying priority sites. The Business Oregon Lands Team in coordination with the Regional Solutions Teams will develop Regional Action Plans for the sites, review with the Regional Solutions Teams, and forward plan summaries to the Regional Solutions Teams and coordinating agencies.

IV. RSIA Reporting

The department will be requesting information in 2016 from each approved RSIA to report on the progress, success stories, needs, and opportunities within each designation. It is expected that collecting the information will require at least two months, and drafting of the report and an additional two months. The annual report will be forwarded to agency senior staff.

Reporting will be conducted annually thereafter.