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This session will touch on best practices for navigating our “new normal” in the workplace.

Kelly Mann, Manager of Workplace Strategy and Change Management, Cushman & Wakefield, will discuss everything from six-foot office layouts, the importance of signage, communication between companies and its employees as well as Cushman & Wakefield’s “Recovery Readiness” guidebook.

She will also touch on the future of the workplace—how employees have adjusted to the effects of the pandemic and how the workplace has and will change as we continue to face the unexpected.

Click HERE for more info & to register.
Coba’s Capitol Comments

Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said that the Republican members of the Oregon legislature are planning to not attend the upcoming Emergency Board meeting and may stay away from the special session in late July or early August.

Courtney said the Emergency Board can do its business without the Republicans as only a majority is needed to make those budget and policy decisions but that a quorum of twenty in the Senate and forty in the House will need the Republicans to do business in a special session.

Courtney made these remarks during an online candidate event featuring the three main Democrats running in Salem, Bend and Coos Bay which will determine if the Democrats move from an 18-12 majority to the 20-10 majority that would make the Republicans irrelevant for the purposes of a quorum and in nearly all policy and budget priorities during the 2021 legislative session.

Corporate Activity Tax update

**COVID-19 relief available for 2nd quarter payments**

As the deadline approaches to make estimated Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) payments for the second quarter, the Oregon Department of Revenue reminds taxpayers of relief available to those businesses negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As adopted in administrative rule 150-317-1500, the department will honor a business taxpayer’s good-faith efforts to comply with the CAT and not assess penalties if they document their efforts to comply, including how COVID-19 has impacted their business.

If businesses know they’ll owe $10,000 or more in annual corporate activity tax in 2020 and can pay, they should make estimated quarterly payments and comply with the law to the fullest extent possible.

However, penalties will not be assessed for underestimated quarterly payments or for not making a quarterly payment for the Corporate Activity Tax, if businesses don’t have the financial ability to make the estimated payment. If businesses have been impacted by COVID-19 and
Taxpayers with general questions about the CAT can contact the Corporate Activity Tax Policy Team at help.dor@Oregon.gov or call 503-945-8005.

are finding it difficult to calculate or pay an estimated quarterly payment, they should keep documentation showing:

- Their inability to pay a quarterly payment because of insufficient funds due to COVID-19.
- Their inability to reasonably calculate a quarterly payment or annual tax liability due to their business being impacted by COVID-19.
- That the taxpayer is unclear at this time whether the business will owe corporate activity tax in April 2020 due to COVID-19 impacts, after taking into consideration exclusions and subtractions in the law.

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- Managing Risk When Returning to the Jobsite with Lockton’s Karen Erger
- Highlights of Deltek’s 41st Annual Clarity Architecture & Engineering Industry Study
- The Buildings We Live and Work In – an ACEC Research Institute Panel Discussion

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- August 12 – Networking Day Golf Tournament, Langdon Farms
- Sept 24 & 25 – OSBEELS Symposium (virtual)

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