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Small & medium-sized businesses welcome Labour Code review committee

BC's small and medium-sized business community is welcoming the creation of a new committee to examine BC's Labour Code, but wants to see its scope expanded to include issues such as replacement workers.

"We welcome the government's ongoing commitment to ensure the Labour Code stays in touch with the needs of employers and employees in today's competitive and changing economy," said Coalition of BC Businesses Chair Suromitra Sanatani.

"BC's labour laws must provide a competitive advantage so that we can continue to attract new businesses and jobs to our province," she added.

The Coalition of BC Businesses welcomes the fact that small and medium-sized businesses will have an effective voice on the review committee, since small business is the main job creator in the BC economy.

The discussion of successorship rights is welcome because the provisions of some collective agreements can prevent bankrupt companies from reopening.

The committee's terms of reference allow additional issues to be raised. As a priority, the Coalition will ensure that important issues such as replacement workers are discussed. The Coalition believes small and medium-sized businesses must be able to remain viable during a labour disruption.

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