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Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
SB 333-1: Relating to the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program

Clackamas County supports SB 333-1: The Board of County Commissioners supports SB 333-1, which improves upon the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program.

In 2013, Clackamas County joined interests across the state to support the original legislation that authorized the Industrial Site Readiness Program. A year later, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners adopted Performance Clackamas, a strategic plan that included the goal "Grow a Vibrant Economy," with the initiative that "By 2019, Clackamas County will have and maintain a supply of employment land, including large lot industrial, sufficient to provide 500 jobs within a nine-month window." To accomplish this, it is critical to consider how local government can support property owners in preparing their potential employment land for development.

Passage of SB 333-1 would improve opportunities for Clackamas County property owners to prepare their land for development.

The County's economic development department fields leads from prospective businesses considering Clackamas County properties for location of their business. In today's competitive market, those regions that can offer land that is shovel ready have a distinct advantage over areas that may have land that is available but not development ready.

The Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program would help provide a key tool for Clackamas County industrial property owners to position their sites for successful development. While there is great effort from the communities and the county to market these sites, many of them are not shovel ready.

Clackamas County sites such as Canby Pioneer Industrial Park, North Clackamas Industrial Area, Rock Creek Industrial Area in Happy Valley, and the Beavercreek Employment Area in Oregon City can benefit from this program.

We urge a "yes" vote for SB 333-1.

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