

February 6, 2023

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue Oregon State Legislature

Re: SB 133, SB 134 and SB 135 (2023)

To Chair Meek and Committee Members:

The City of Medford fully supports extension of all Enterprise and E-Commerce Zones that are set to expire in 2025. Extension of these economic incentives will continue to provide Medford, and other jurisdictions with the ability to attract and retain businesses that are vital to our economy.

The Medford zone has had over 90 approved applications which has created or retained 6,031 jobs with nearly \$250 million in investments since 1998. These totals are also highlighted with Grants Pass, Rogue (Josephine County) and Jackson County as follows:

Area	3 Year	5 Year	E-Comm.	Jobs	Jobs	New
				New	Retained	Investment
Medford	47	43	54	1540	4491	\$246,922,650
Grants Pass	3	0	0	27	16	\$2,416,000
Rogue	38	16	8	1210	3742	\$142,705,692
Jackson	20	25	4	549	2077	\$160,148,287
Totals	108	54	66	3326	10326	\$552,192,629

The Medford City Council approved the extension of all Enterprise and E-Commerce Zones as part of their 2023 Legislative Policy priorities and we encourage the extension of these zones for the nearly 14,000 jobs created and retained and over a half-billion in new investments they have created.

Sincerely,

Brian Sjothun City Manager