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Committee: House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

Measure: HB2663

The Mayor and Council of the City of Dallas strongly support the passage of HB 2263 to extend the sunset of the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program to 2033. The city of Dallas has several vacant and partially vacant industrial properties inside our urban growth boundary. Many of these properties are not considered shovel ready, because they have encumbrances such as wetlands, floodplain areas, and lack of readily available infrastructure needed for immediate development. The site readiness program enables the property owners to address these issues in advance of marketing their properties for sale. The city of Dallas recognized the need to assist and incentivize our property owners to take advantage of the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program. To do so, we created the South Dallas Urban Renewal District in 2022. As funds come into the district, these funds will be paired with the funds from the industrial site readiness program to create several shovel ready industrial properties in Dallas. We are very excited about this prospect.

Utilization of this program will bring additional living wage jobs and needed investments in our community.

We urge you to include the extension of the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program to 2033 and to include this bill in the first semi-conductor package.