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I oppose this bill in its current form because while I favor making it easier for semiconductor producers like Intel to access federal loans and grants, I don't think that short term economic gains are worth sacrificing Oregon' unique system of land management using urban growth boundary restrictions. Once fertile farmlands and other open lands are sacrificed for industrial development, they won't be reclaimed. I live in rural Oregon and mourn the ever increasing loss of open land. Farmers and wildlife are already under too much pressure! Chipping away at our UGB system is dangerous, especially in a way that restricts public oversight and gives the governor unwarranted powers over it. Please focus on using underutilized land that is already available within the urban growth boundary!