



Monday, March 13, 2023

Joint Committee on Semiconductors
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs Sollman and Bynum, Co-Vice Chairs Knopp and Wallan, and members of the committee,

The Technology Association of Oregon is the force behind the regional tech industry—supporting entrepreneurs, connecting peers and decision makers, and helping establish the Northwest as a global hub for innovation. We work with over 500 tech and tech-enabled companies throughout Oregon, ranging in size from one-person startups to some of the largest tech companies in the world.

Passage of the Federal CHIPS and Science Act has created an opportunity to bring legacy investments to Oregon. This is an opportunity for which the state cannot miss. TAO is grateful that legislative leadership recognized this opportunity and created the Joint Committee on Semiconductors to take swift action on a package of policies and incentives to recruit companies to Oregon and leverage the federal funding available through the CHIPS Act.

The Committee's work to develop SB 4 in a short period of time is commendable. If passed, the bill would create grant and loan programs for chipmakers looking to locate or expand in Oregon, invest in university research, and create a mechanism to provide suitable industrial sites for significant industry opportunities. The policies and funding represented in SB 4 are historic investments into the semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industry and will help grow the state's economy and strengthen Oregon's position as a competitor for large and small businesses interests.

TAO's members know that much work remains to complete the semiconductor competitiveness agenda this session. We look forward to continuing to work with members on issues such as investments in workforce readiness, higher education, and research support, the creation of robust Research and Development (R&D) and Investment tax credits, and other funding and incentive programs. It is crucial that Oregon demonstrate its commitment to recruiting businesses through a comprehensive and competitive package—one that builds upon the foundation created by SB 4.

TAO urges your support of SB 4.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skip Newberry".

Skip Newberry
President & CEO, Technology Association of Oregon