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#### False Swearing and the Grand Bargain (HB 4078)

A person commits the crime of false swearing if the person makes a false sworn statement or a false unsworn declaration, knowing it to be false. False swearing is a Class A Misdemeanor under Oregon Law: ORS 162.075. SB 4 warns against false swearing of applicants to the CHIPS process/funds.

During the 2014 Grand Bargain negotiations, Richard Whitman from the Governor's Office indicated to all governments involved, that to obtain the Governor's support and signature, all would be expected to make a sworn statement to the legislature that this was a one time only venture into land use. Senator Val Hoyle obtained the sworn oaths before her committee. HB 4078 then went on to obtain unanimous support in both chambers and was signed into law by the Governor. The City of Hillsboro made a sworn oath, yet the past several years they have been actively engaged in advocating for breaking away from the negotiated settlement and seeking farm land through the legislature. This violates the "good faith" agreements of the Grand Bargain. Does it violate the law? No other governments have been seeking this. Was Hillsboro's sworn oath only a "pinky promise"?

A public records request has been made of the City of Hillsboro, seeking their written sworn oath to the 2014 Oregon Legislative Assembly (and Governor). Maybe this will shed light on what direction and authority the sworn oath was made. At minimum, Hillsboro's hubris has overcome its fidelity to prior agreements. It obtained the "green light" for the development of South Hillsboro and for the North Hillsboro Industrial Area. Those cannot be given back. Now they want the protected farmland they exchanged.