

Dear Legislators:

[Oregon legislators, I urge you all to vote NO to HB 2199A and HB 3457A.](#)

I work in Klamath County at Klamath County Economic Development Association (KCEDA) and our business of recruiting business/industry to Oregon is a very, very competitive arena.

The two best tools that we have are the SIP and Enterprise Zone tax abatement programs. Both programs need to be extended into the future. In my six plus years here at KCEDA I have seen many long-term investments use these programs which create new jobs, many family wage jobs here in our rural communities. With EZ alone since 2018, 147 new jobs have been created. Please extend the program 10 years. I have courted several international companies & their site selectors who do evaluate multiple sites in different states, and this is an important business consideration for the final site which is chosen.

As the Enterprise Zone manager in Klamath County, I know these programs do encourage & help businesses to expand here in Oregon.

Keep Oregon competitive and vote NO on HB 2199A and HB 3457A.

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