

Testimony in Opposition to HB 3062 Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Chair Tran, Vice Chairs Grayber and Lewis, and members of the committee,

My name is Tiffany Edwards, and I serve as the Vice President of Policy & Community Development at the Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of our organization and the thousands of businesses and workers we represent, I'm here today to express serious concerns about HB 3062.

Our Chamber and our economic development division, ONWARD Eugene, work closely with regional partners to recruit and grow businesses—efforts that bring jobs, investment, and vital tax revenue to our community and state. **Unfortunately, HB 3062 threatens this progress.**

First, even if narrowed in scope to warehousing and distribution centers, **this bill jeopardizes the economic future of our region** and represents a significant portion of the industrial sector. It would endanger existing businesses with future plans to expand or innovate.

We have partnered with the City of Eugene in a request for \$10.5 million to fund infrastructure from this legislature, for the Clear Lake industrial area, a site primed for development. This investment is critical to attracting businesses that provide high-quality jobs and long-term economic value. HB 3062 would undermine the viability of that investment, limiting opportunities for local businesses and workers.

Second, the bill takes an unusual approach by using land use and zoning codes to address concerns already covered by existing regulatory frameworks. The industries potentially affected are subject to strong environmental oversight and generally maintain high compliance standards. Rather than improving outcomes, HB 3062 adds confusion and new hurdles—making it harder for businesses to navigate regulations and operate efficiently in Oregon.

Finally, this bill sends the wrong message about Oregon's business climate. It signals to current and prospective companies that our state is unpredictable and unfriendly to job creators. **The result? Lost investment, fewer jobs, and declining revenue that supports essential services.**

There may be future efforts to narrow the bill's scope to specific industries like warehouses and distribution centers, but no formal changes have been introduced. Even with a more limited focus, the core issues remain—HB 3062 creates regulatory uncertainty and sets a precedent that could discourage long-term investment in Oregon's economy.

We urge you to **oppose HB 3062** and instead support policies that foster economic stability, job growth, and long-term opportunity for Oregon communities.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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