

HB 4104 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade

Action Date: 02/11/26

Action: Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference.
(Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 11-0-1-0

Yea: 11 - Bunch, Dobson, Isadore, Lively, Nguyen D, Osborne, Rieke Smith, Skarlatos, Sosa, Watanabe, Yunker

Exc: 1 - Diehl

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure authorizes the Oregon Business Development Department (Business Oregon) to award grants and loans from the Oregon Fostering Innovation Strength at Home (FISH) and Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS) Fund (FISH & CHIPS Fund) to qualifying businesses within targeted industries that have not applied for federal semiconductor assistance. The measure declares an emergency, effective on its passage.

Detailed Summary:

- Allows Business Oregon to select and award grants and loans from the FISH & CHIPS Fund to businesses that have not applied for federal semiconductor assistance and meet the definition of a “covered entity”
- Defines qualifying covered entities as those with a demonstrated ability to finance and operate a facility relating to manufacturing, research, or development for targeted industries
- Defines “targeted industries” as those identified by Oregon Business as providing the state with the best opportunities for growth, innovation, high wages, competitiveness, and statewide prosperity
- Lowers the eligibility threshold to include businesses with at least five Oregon employees
- Updates statutory references, including naming conventions, and amends the FISH & CHIPS Fund’s repeal date to January 2, 2036
- Appropriates \$10 million to the FISH & CHIPS Fund

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon CHIPS program
- Expansion of the program to increase jobs and revenue
- Targeted industries
- A similar measure considered but not enacted in 2025

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

The amendment deletes reference to examples of “targeted industries” and appropriates \$10 million to the FISH & CHIPS Fund.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 4 (2023) directed Business Oregon to award grants and make loans from the Oregon CHIPS Fund to businesses applying for federal semiconductor financial assistance. The Oregon [CHIPS program](#) allocated up to \$240 million in incentives to Oregon’s semiconductor industry, with such funds available to Oregon semiconductor companies applying for [federal CHIPS and Science Act](#) resources. Pursuant to SB 4, any money remaining in the CHIPS Fund reverted to the General Fund on June 30, 2025. According to Business Oregon,

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Oregon's targeted industries are those providing the best opportunities for growth, and the agency directs resources to them to retain and expand businesses and investment in the state.