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Support for HB 4084

House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Trade

Re: Support for HB 4084 – Governor’s Economic Development Initiative

Chair Nguyen, Vice Chairs Isadore and Skarlatos, and Members of the House Committee on Economic Development, Small Business, and Trade:

On behalf of the Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce and the hundreds of businesses we represent in Tigard and the greater Washington County region, we respectfully urge your support for HB 4084.

HB 4084 is a critical step in strengthening Oregon’s economic competitiveness by advancing industrial site readiness, modernizing enterprise zone tools, and improving permitting efficiency. These elements align with the Governor’s Prosperity Roadmap and reflect the practical, business-focused policies needed to support job creation, private investment, and long-term economic stability across the state.

For communities like Tigard, located in one of Oregon’s most economically productive corridors, this legislation builds on investments already made in regional infrastructure, transportation, and industrial lands. Our area plays an essential role in Washington County’s innovation and employment base, yet we continue to see projects delayed or lost due to permitting uncertainty and the shortage of truly shovel-ready sites. HB 4084 addresses these barriers directly.

Businesses considering expansion or relocation consistently point to unpredictable permitting timelines and limited site readiness as significant obstacles. The FastTrack permitting concepts and increased coordination outlined in this bill offer a more transparent and efficient pathway for economic development projects. These improvements are essential if Oregon is to compete effectively with neighboring states for the types of investments that create family-wage jobs and broaden the tax base.

Modernizing enterprise zone tools is equally important. Enterprise zones remain one of Oregon’s most effective economic development mechanisms, encouraging private investment while ensuring that tax incentives are tied to

new growth and job creation. Updating these tools will help communities like ours attract and retain employers in a highly competitive environment.

As business and regional partners across Oregon have noted, investments in industrial site readiness and permitting modernization are foundational to improving the state's economic trajectory. Mid-sized communities like Tigard are positioned to help drive statewide growth when we have the tools to move projects forward efficiently and responsibly.

HB 4084 recognizes that regional economies are interconnected. Strengthening industrial land development, streamlining permitting, and modernizing incentives will allow communities throughout Oregon to attract investment, support housing-connected employment opportunities, and contribute to a more resilient statewide economy.

The Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce strongly supports HB 4084 because it builds on prior legislative investments, aligns with regional economic development strategies, and advances policies that help Oregon retain, grow, and attract businesses.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued commitment to Oregon's economic vitality.

Sincerely,

Megan De Salvo

Chief Executive Officer

Tigard Chamber of Commerce

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