



Joint Committee on Ways and Means – Capital Construction Subcommittee
RE: Grants Pass Spalding Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project

Co-Chairs Senator Girod and Representative Nosse, and Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Terry Hopkins, President & CEO of the Grants Pass & Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. I am here in strong support of the City of Grants Pass' request for \$2 million in Capital Construction funding for the Spalding Industrial Park Sanitary Sewer Infrastructure Project.

The Spalding Industrial Park is a designated industrial employment area with significant undeveloped capacity. Today, dozens of acres of industrial-zoned land remain unusable due to the lack of sewer infrastructure. From a business perspective, industrial land without infrastructure is inventory sitting on the shelf. This project puts it back into play.

Final engineering design is complete. Environmental conditions have been evaluated. The project is fully shovel-ready with a total estimated construction cost of approximately \$4.25 million. The City is committing significant local matching funds, demonstrating clear local investment and partnership.

This is core economic development infrastructure. Businesses do not relocate or expand without certainty in utilities. Sewer capacity is foundational to attracting manufacturers, logistics firms, and traded-sector employers that provide family-wage jobs.

When this land is unlocked, the results are straightforward: new jobs, expanded property tax base, increased business activity, and reduced pressure on residential taxpayers. This is sustainable, long-term economic development not short-term stimulus.

Importantly, this project aligns with the Governor's Prosperity Roadmap by expanding regional economic opportunity and supporting traded-sector growth in rural Oregon. It ensures that communities like Josephine County can participate in Oregon's broader economic resilience strategy.

This request is engineered, locally matched, construction-ready, and directly tied to private-sector growth. It represents a responsible and catalytic use of state capital dollars.

On behalf of the businesses of Josephine County, I respectfully urge you to fully fund the City's \$2 million request for the Spalding Industrial Park Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to rural Oregon.

Terry Hopkins
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