

February 14, 2026

To: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

From: Youtheary Sim, Owner, Sweet T Bakery

Re: Support for HB 1586

Chair Broadman, members of the Committee,

I am a small business owner in downtown Hillsboro, and I am writing in **support of SB 1586**.

When families have stable, high-wage employment, it creates security. That sense of security shows up in small but meaningful ways for businesses like mine. People feel comfortable spending locally, celebrating milestones, and supporting neighborhood shops. For a storefront business, that stability translates into steady foot traffic, catering opportunities, and the ability to hire and retain staff with confidence.

While my business operates in one community, this dynamic is not unique to Hillsboro. Across Oregon, small businesses depend on a strong economic foundation driven by stable employment and long-term investment.

When Oregon loses major projects or investment to other states, uncertainty follows. Families hesitate to spend. Businesses delay hiring or expansion. That hesitation affects Main Streets in communities large and small.

Remaining competitive for high-wage job growth is not about prioritizing one industry over another. It is about ensuring Oregon continues to be a place where families, workers, and small businesses can thrive together.

I respectfully urge your support for SB 1586.

Sincerely,
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