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On Behalf Of: Self and family
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair and Members of the Committee—

I'm a constituent from Montavilla in Portland and I support SB 1586. Here are some reasons that we need this legislation:

A) Kitchen-table jobs & family stability

My family and my community need real, high-paying manufacturing jobs here—chip fabrication installations and their supporting supply chain, not more data centers. These jobs are career ladders: direct fabrication roles, construction trades, supplier jobs, and a steady local small-business economy. Last year's delay didn't feel abstract – local job opportunities would have stopped some of the emotional and financial sagging that has plagued the greater Portland area and forced my kids to look for futures elsewhere. Oregon must move with speed and certainty to keep opportunities here. Business Oregon's Oregon CHIPS Biannual Report #2 (Oct 2025) reports about ~\$1.993B in Federal CHIPS Act awards for projects located in Oregon, including Intel \$1.86B (Hillsboro D1X), Microchip \$72M (Gresham), HP \$53M (Corvallis), Analog Devices \$80M (Beaverton).

Please stand with working families in Washington County and across the greater Portland region. Vote YES on SB 1586.

B) Tax base & schools/services

I'm asking you to support SB 1586 because it strengthens Oregon's tax base in a stable, sustainable way. Advanced manufacturing—chip fabs and suppliers—brings high-wage jobs, major construction work, and long-term local spending that supports schools and public services. That revenue helps reduce pressure on household taxes over time, instead of forcing families to absorb every new cost.

We already have momentum as noted above: ~\$1.993B in Federal CHIPS Act awards for projects located in Oregon, including Intel \$1.86B (Hillsboro D1X), Microchip \$72M (Gresham), HP \$53M (Corvallis), Analog Devices \$80M (Beaverton). We can't win the next rounds of federal and private investment without offering investors certainty—and delay means missed opportunities and has real economic costs.

SB 1586 provides timely, build-ready industrial land certainty with guardrails: bounded industrial land (not sprawl), infrastructure-first planning (roads/rail/transit), water/energy planning, environmental mitigation, and accountability/timelines. One only need look at the Dalles and Prineville to see the impact of unplanned expansion of the tech industry.

For our children and our future, and the services we all rely on, Vote YES on SB 1586.

C) Opportunity & competitiveness

Oregon is in a competition we can't afford to "maybe" our way through. Semiconductor manufacturing decisions move fast. When Oregon signals uncertainty, projects and suppliers choose other states—last year's delay meant that Oregon lost real opportunities. SB 1586 restores confidence that Oregon can execute by making timely, build-ready industrial land certainty possible in the Hillsboro region. This is about chip fabs and the supply chain that supports it. When the Silicon Forest was planted, we had vision and ambition, and we committed land and water and time to nurture its success. We risk missing additional federal and private investment if we can't move with speed and certainty.

Don't let Oregon lose the next allocation of federal support for fabrication facilities and the prosperity they offer to all Oregonians.

Vote YES on SB 1586.

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Let's make this happen NOW.