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Support for SB 1586
Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Support for SB 1586: Oregon JOBS Act

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue;

I'm writing on behalf of the **Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce**, representing thousands of employers across Lane County and the greater Eugene area. We strongly support **SB 1586**, the **Oregon JOBS Act**, and appreciate the Legislature's leadership in advancing a comprehensive strategy to retain and grow high-wage, traded-sector jobs in Oregon.

SB 1586 matters because economic competitiveness today requires more than aspiration. It requires **build-ready land, modern incentives, and predictable permitting timelines**. Too often in Oregon, we have promising projects but lack the sites, tools, or regulatory certainty needed to convert interest into investment. This bill directly addresses that gap.

In Lane County, SB 1586 aligns squarely with two region-defining economic development efforts:

The Clear Lake Industrial Area is one of the most significant industrial opportunities in the southern Willamette Valley, positioned for advanced manufacturing, logistics, and clean-tech investment. This legislature has already made \$6m in infrastructure investments in recognition of the opportunity this site presents. The Oregon JOBS Act strengthens the very programs that make Clear Lake viable, including improvements to the Regionally Significant Industrial Sites program, enterprise zone incentives, and capital equipment tax relief. These tools are essential to unlocking private investment that will generate family-wage jobs and long-term tax base growth.

The Southern Willamette Innovation Corridor, stretching from Eugene through Springfield and into surrounding communities, is anchored by higher education, research capacity, and a growing innovation economy. SB 1586 supports this ecosystem by **expanding Oregon's R&D tax credit beyond semiconductors to include advanced manufacturing broadly**, helping ensure that research, prototyping, and production stay co-located in Oregon rather than migrating to competing states.

The bill's **performance-based and time-limited incentives** are carefully designed. Independent analysis shows Oregon's existing incentive programs deliver strong returns, generating jobs, payroll growth, and increased personal income tax revenue that supports schools and public



services statewide. These are not giveaways; they are targeted tools that only apply when companies invest and operate in Oregon.

Equally important, SB 1586 addresses one of the most consistent concerns we hear from employers: **permitting delays and uncertainty**. By requiring agencies to publish permit timelines and catalogs, the bill improves transparency and accountability without weakening environmental or public safety standards. For capital-intensive projects, time is money – and certainty is often the deciding factor.

In closing, SB 1586 positions Oregon to compete, not by abandoning our values, but by pairing them with a practical, disciplined economic strategy. For communities like Eugene, Springfield, and the broader Southern Willamette Valley, **this bill supports real projects, real jobs, and real opportunity**.

The Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce respectfully urges your support of SB 1586.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brittany Quick-Warner', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Brittany Quick-Warner
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