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Oregon Senate
900 Court Street. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Broadman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Pam Treece, I serve as Washington County Commissioner for District two. I am writing today, in my personal capacity, to support the Oregon Jobs Act, SB 1586.

Just last week at the Portland Metro Chamber State of the Economy presentation we learned that in the Portland region we lost nearly 9,000 jobs in 2025. In our State, one that is income tax driven, we are obligated to turn these numbers around. To be able to do that we need land to center and grow good paying, manufacturing jobs. This bill is positioned to bring that opportunity to our region and our State. By moving 373 acres into the urban growth boundary and an additional 1400 acres into urban reserves, we have the opportunity to grow our economy at a moderate rate.

Growing the economy is central to addressing the year over year budget shortfall we have experienced in Washington County. That shortfall has resulted in \$98M in cuts to our general fund and continues to threaten the funding of fundamental services the County provides as well as State mandated services for all our residents.

I urge you to pass SB1586 and ensure that we have the tools to address the health of our economy and provide good paying jobs. In addition, a good paying job is a key step in addressing the affordability crisis that our residents face.

Sincerely,
Pam Treece

Testimony in support of the Oregon Jobs Act (SB 1586)
Oregon Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue