

Submitter: Joe Liebersbach  
On Behalf Of: Eugene Young Professionals  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee:

My name is Joe Liebersbach and I am writing in support of SB 1586, the Oregon JOBS Act, on behalf of the Eugene Young Professionals.

I am also a young father, and I am genuinely concerned about the future my child will inherit. Young professionals want to build careers and families here, but too often we see peers leaving for states where opportunity feels stronger and growth feels real.

Oregon is already perceived as an anti-business state, and perception drives investment decisions. We are competing with peer states that offer lower tax burdens, fewer regulatory hurdles, and faster timelines. An acre of land here is not the same as an acre elsewhere. Layered regulations, high costs, and cumulative burdens make it harder to attract and scale large employers. We are already positioned behind many of our peers.

Every public service we value is funded by a healthy private sector. If we want strong schools, infrastructure, and public safety, we need to grow our economy and attract the kind of employers who create family-wage jobs and expand our tax base.

SB 1586 is a meaningful step toward restoring competitiveness and giving my generation a reason to plant roots in Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration.