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Senator Anthony Broadman, Chair
Senator Mike McLane, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

For the record, my name is Tina Guldberg, Associate Vice President for Economic Development and Strategic Relations at the University of Oregon. I am pleased to offer strong support for Senate Bill 1586, the Oregon JOBS Act.

SB 1586 is a targeted economic development measure focused on creating and retaining high-wage jobs while strengthening Oregon's competitiveness in advanced manufacturing and innovation-driven industries.

The bill addresses key factors that determine whether Oregon secures major private-sector investments: build-ready industrial sites, modern performance-based incentives, and predictable, transparent permitting processes. These elements are essential to expanding high-value jobs in semiconductors, biotechnology, clean technology, and advanced materials. Without action to improve site readiness, incentives, and regulatory predictability, Oregon risks losing transformative investments to other states. SB 1586 helps ensure companies can expand here, hire Oregon graduates, and partner with our public universities. Oregon's working families are feeling real economic pressure. When job-creating projects are delayed or lost, workers are impacted first. The state loses critical revenue that supports education, infrastructure, and essential public services.

As Oregon's flagship public research university, the University of Oregon plays a central role in educating the state's talent pipeline, conducting research and development with industry partners, and translating innovation into new companies and jobs. In the semiconductor sector specifically, UO supports workforce development through cross-disciplinary programs that combine core science, engineering, and applied industry skills.

For example, our programs in materials science, applied physics, chemistry, and data science prepare students for roles in chip design, fabrication processes, advanced materials characterization, and semiconductor manufacturing analytics. Students and researchers work at the intersection of bioengineering, materials innovation, and advanced instrumentation—fields

directly aligned with next-generation semiconductor and microfabrication technologies. Our partnerships with industry also create experiential learning opportunities, internships, and collaborative research that connect students to employers in Oregon's semiconductor ecosystem.

To keep that economic value in Oregon, employers need buildable sites, tools that reward research and capital investment, and a permitting system aligned with the pace of opportunity. SB 1586 directly advances those goals by ensuring the physical and policy infrastructure matches the workforce and innovation capacity already being developed at our public universities.

In short, SB 1586 strengthens Oregon's ability to compete for and retain high-value industries, ensures scarce industrial land is prioritized for advanced manufacturing and its supply chains, and provides the certainty businesses need to invest with confidence.

For these reasons, on behalf of the University of Oregon, I respectfully urge your YES vote on Senate Bill 1586.



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