



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

I am writing in support of The Oregon Jobs Act, SB 1586, this bill will provide our state with new tools for our toolbox, as we work to create and maintain high wage jobs and grow advanced manufacturing jobs here in Oregon. SB 1586 is a good start as we work to expand job opportunities in Oregon, while the bill does not contain everything needed to address this issue, it is a great start.

This bill is both instrumental and ornamental at the same time. It makes specific changes and sends a message our local business and investment communities. Manufacturing jobs are highly productive, each job generates significantly more economic value and tax revenue than the average job—nearly 60% more contribution to state GDP than other sectors. These wages support not only workers and their families, but also local small businesses, school funding, and public services through income and property taxes.

By passing this bill the state of Oregon will be able to expand on high-wage jobs, and grow advanced manufacturing jobs, as well as increasing Oregon's income tax base.

I urge you to support The Oregon Jobs Act, SB 1586. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,