

RE: Support for SB 1586 the Oregon JOBS Act

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, Members of the Committee

Advanced manufacturing is the backbone of the Hillsboro community. The families who hold these jobs pay the property taxes that fund our schools, they enroll their children in our classrooms, and they invest in our community's future. When Oregon loses 9,400 manufacturing jobs in a single year, our schools feel the impact — in declining enrollment, shrinking budgets, and families who leave and don't come back.

Every day, our teachers prepare students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing. We invest in CTE programs, dual credit pathways, and workforce partnerships as these programs increase graduation rates. Our students are ready and eager to access good-paying jobs close to home.

The Oregon JOBS Act is an investment in that future. The semiconductor and advanced manufacturing industries need skilled workers. Our schools and community colleges prepare thousands of talented, diverse young people for careers each year. When those industries thrive here, our graduates have somewhere to land — good-paying careers, right here in Oregon, close to the communities they grew up in.

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Testimony submitted as a Hillsboro community member and educator of 25 years (Not on behalf of the Hillsboro School District.)