

Submitter: Ryan Evans

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4084

I am a citizen of Washington County concerned about HB 4084. It appears to give businesses and data centers in Hillsboro's Enterprise Zone the ability to not pay property taxes for up to 10 years, which is above and beyond the 3 years given in existing law [ORS 285C.175]. This is already costing our schools and our state tens of millions of dollars in lost revenue. These data centers create very few jobs and, already without sales taxes and very little payroll taxes, they provide no other meaningful source of taxed income for the city, county, or State, in addition to their negative effects on the environment, nearby communities, and the power grid. I urge you to vote against HB4084 or remove sections 9-13 which allow for these tax breaks and amend the language to exclude data centers, crypto-mining operations, and other such businesses from this bill.