



HB 4084 – The Governor’s bill needs these amendments

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While other states are looking at ending their data center tax breaks, or instituting a moratorium, the Governor’s HB 4084B increases the tax breaks for data centers in Hillsboro and any other urban sites where they choose to build. It does not address data centers in Central or Eastern Oregon.

Don’t let the expansion of the Standard Enterprise Zone go through unless you simultaneously pass the -21 or -24 to eliminate our property tax subsidies for data centers in those zones. Pass the -21 or -24, each has its own advantages, one includes a moratorium and the other eliminates cryptocurrency along with data centers.

Frankly, you should be cutting the cord for all new data centers across the state, but that’s not an option before you today.

Data center subsidies across the state have increased from \$330 million to \$450 million in a single year. In the Standard Enterprise Zones in Hillsboro the subsidies increased from \$45 to \$90 million last year.

Do not double down on subsidies for urban data centers as does HB 4084B.

Eliminate our property tax breaks and Oregon will still be the best place for taxes for data centers on the west coast, and we have a cross Pacific cable network arriving in Oregon like no other place on the Pacific Ocean. Data centers and their expansion are cemented in Oregon.

These subsidies should have ended a decade ago.

We urge you to pass the -B15 removing the \$40 million for site development. This program has yet to be designed. OBDD says they “intend” to make it a loan program, but no program or plan for repayment is developed. The \$10 million already set to begin allocation in January of 2027 is enough for a test run.

-B20 limits the new jobs credit (which already passed as part of the reconnect bill) to advanced manufacturing and defines advanced manufacturing. So the amendment reduces the cost of the already passed credit. It also cleans up some sections.

\$1000 a job is not an incentive, it’s a pat on the head. But this limit is at least better aimed.

FYI the \$1000 jobs tax credit requires wages of 150% of minimum wage which will increase each July 1st. For now that would mean \$24.45 in Portland, \$22.58 is the standard rate and \$21.08 in non-urban counties. In the metro area that’s \$50,856 a year for a 40 hour a week job. Note: Except for Enterprise zones in Hillsboro these are the lowest wage requirements for any Oregon subsidy that I’ve seen.

These issues do need attention. Thank you for listening.

We read the bills and follow the money