



March 2, 2026

Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court St. NE,
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Girod and Nosse, and members of the committee,

Technology Association of Oregon urges your support for HB 4084A. TAO is the force behind the regional tech industry—working with over 500 tech and tech-enabled companies throughout Oregon, ranging in size from one-person startups to some of the largest tech companies in the world.

In recent years, we have seen firsthand businesses in the tech sector leave Oregon. In order for this state to get back to a period of growth, we need to take concrete steps to create the conditions that allow us to compete readily with other states. HB 4084A does that through the creation of FastTrack permits program for major projects and the modernizing of business incentives. We are also supportive of the funding for industrial site loan fund, although that funding has been allocated in a different bill.

We are grateful to the legislature for making a significant investment in business development through the passage of the Oregon CHIPS Act (2023). As a result, we are starting to see the formation of a dozen new and promising semiconductor companies in Oregon, something that we haven't really seen since the 80s. But, as these companies scale, they will need access to shovel ready land and reliable and fast permit processes in order to stay in Oregon.

Oregon's established businesses are also hearing from other states trying to recruit them through incentives. Proposing the reasonable benefits included in HB 4084A will help ensure businesses remain in Oregon and that Oregonians have access to high paying jobs, entrepreneurs have the certainty they need to operate and that our state can effectively grow an innovation economy.

I am also here to share our opposition to the -B24 and -B21 amendments, limiting data centers operations within enterprise zones. Data centers play an important role in economic development around the state and limiting their development has the potential to harm Oregon's economic future. Additionally, the Governor's Data Center Advisory Committee is currently reviewing these issues and acting this session would be premature.

For these reasons, TAO urges your support for HB 4084A without the -B24 or -B21 amendments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skip Newberry".

Skip Newberry
President & CEO, Technology Association of Oregon