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**Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce
Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction**

Support for HB 4084

Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse and Members of the Capital Construction Subcommittee:

My name is Brittany Quick-Warner, and I serve as President & CEO of the **Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce** and **Onward Eugene**. On behalf of businesses across Lane County and the Southern Willamette Valley, we respectfully **urge your strong support for HB 4084** and the full suite of investments necessary to implement the Governor's Prosperity Roadmap.

Oregon stands at a pivotal moment. As outlined in the Prosperity Roadmap, our state has the opportunity to retain and grow businesses, catalyze job creation, and accelerate long-term economic growth, but only if we align capital investments with strategic policy reforms

HB 4084 does precisely that by pairing permitting modernization, industrial site readiness, and incentive modernization with the capital resources needed to compete nationally for transformative investment.

For the Eugene-Springfield region, this legislation builds directly on prior legislative investments including infrastructure funding in the Clear Lake Industrial Area, that laid the groundwork for a regionally significant employment hub and anchor of the Southern Willamette Valley Innovation Corridor. The state has already demonstrated foresight. HB 4084 ensures those investments reach their full potential.

We strongly advocate for the **full \$40 million in lottery bonds for the Industrial Site Loan Fund**, as contemplated in the bill framework

Oregon continues to face a shortage of shovel-ready industrial lands. Local governments struggle to finance upfront infrastructure, environmental mitigation, and site preparation costs, barriers that delay or derail major job-creating projects.

The Industrial Site Loan Fund directly addresses these gaps. Without the full \$40 million allocation, Oregon risks losing competitive projects to neighboring states that can move faster and deliver fully prepared sites. This is not speculative investment; it is catalytic capital that expands the tax base, strengthens regional economies, and supports the public services Oregonians rely upon.

HB 4084's FastTrack permitting structure, modeled after successful state and federal programs, provides certainty for projects meeting defined capital thresholds across regions of the state. For mid-sized counties and nonurban regions in particular, this tool ensures that large-scale investments are not stalled by fragmented permitting timelines. Certainty and coordination are critical competitive advantages in today's site selection environment.



Enterprise Zones remain one of Oregon's most effective economic development tools, generating significant economic output and job creation while protecting existing tax revenues. We support efforts within HB 4084 to modernize these tools to ensure they are performance-oriented and deliver durable benefits across communities.

In addition, we encourage continued support for:

- **R&D Tax Credits for Advanced Manufacturing**, which help position Oregon as a national leader in innovation-driven production and supply chain resiliency.
- **RSIS employment eligibility formula adjustments for rural sites**, ensuring that rural and mid-sized communities can realistically qualify for support based on regional workforce realities.
- **Capital equipment tax treatment improvements included in SB 1586**, which reduce barriers to reinvestment in modern manufacturing technologies and strengthen Oregon's competitiveness.

Together, these complementary tools send a clear signal that Oregon is serious about advanced manufacturing, industrial reinvestment, and regionally balanced economic growth.

Oregon is competing aggressively with other states for major investments. Businesses consistently cite site readiness, permitting predictability, and tax structure competitiveness as primary decision factors. Without these reforms and capital commitments, we risk stagnation at a time when opportunity is within reach.

HB 4084 recognizes that regional economies are interconnected and that communities like Eugene and Springfield are positioned to help drive statewide growth if we have the tools to move projects forward efficiently. By fully funding the Industrial Site Loan Fund, implementing FastTrack permitting, and modernizing incentive programs, including advanced manufacturing and rural site tools, the Legislature can unlock private-sector investment that will generate family-wage jobs, housing-supportive employment growth, and long-term fiscal stability.

We respectfully urge your support for HB 4084 and the full \$40 million allocation to the Industrial Site Loan Fund.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to strengthening Oregon's economic future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brittany Quick-Warner".

Brittany Quick-Warner
President & CEO
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