



The City of Grants Pass supports HB 3017 to extend the Enterprise Zone sunset provision from 2013 to 2025.

Two Quick Examples Why Grants Pass Needs HB 3017

Jefferson State Forest Products was looking to move out of California.

- Looked at Olympia, Washington and Grants Pass, Oregon
- Decided on Grants Pass because of the whole incentive package which included Enterprise Zone benefits along with financial support from our City and from Josephine County
- Relocated to Grants Pass January 2011 and brought an estimated \$200,000 new real property investments to area
- Since January Jefferson State Has Hired 17 people
- This year Jefferson State Forest Products will bring in \$636,480 in new payroll to Grants Pass
- New Personal Income Tax create for State of Oregon this year equals \$31,824
- Cost to State Business Income Tax Receipts = \$ 0.00

In the spring of 2009 First Call Resolution wanted to expand their operations

- Compared two areas - Grants Pass which has an Enterprise Zone and a city which did not have similar benefits
- First Call Resolution decided to move to Grants Pass, citing the Enterprise Zone along with the E-Commerce overlay as a reason
- Since July of 2009 First Call has hired 173 employees
- First Call generated \$3,598,400 in new annual payroll in Grants Pass along with \$250,000 in new property investment
- First Call's annual payroll generates new Personal Income Tax to State Of Oregon per year in the amount of \$179,200
- Cost to State Business Taxes (E-Commerce Zone) one time cost \$62,500
- Net "profit" for State because of Enterprise Zone over 3 years of exemption \$463,850

Two times in the last 4 years Grants Pass City Council voted in favor of an Enterprise Zone. In 2007 to renew the Grants Pass Enterprise Zone and again in 2010 to consolidate the Josephine Champion and Grants Pass Enterprise Zones into the new Rogue Enterprise Zone.

Since the inception of the first Enterprise Zone in Josephine County the Enterprise Zone has help create 911 new jobs, retain 2,745 jobs and increase investment in the Zone by \$54,905,259

In short the Enterprise Zone is a local incentive, approved locally, that acts as a profit center for increasing state personal income taxes.

The sunset should be extended to 2025 – The City of Grants Pass urges your support for HB 3017