

Please find attached some information and/or data that Rep Bentz might find helpful for the committee meeting tomorrow morning. If I can be of further help, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will be available tomorrow from 8:30 to 4.

Sincerely,

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According to WorkSource Oregon's Workforce Analyst Andrew Crollard, Grant County had 6 manufacturing firms in 2010 with a combined payroll of \$3,904,658. Of these six firms 5 of them are either currently receiving tax relief from the provisions of the Grant County Enterprise Zone or have received Enterprise Zone benefits in the past. 116 people were employed by these 6 companies over the course of 2010.

The two companies to file recent Enterprise Zone claims employed 115 people and had a combined payroll of \$316,637 (excluding salaried staff) for March 2011. While these might sound like small numbers in comparison to Portland and the Valley, these numbers represent almost 13% of the non-farm, non-government jobs in Grant County. These are living wage, private industry jobs. There were 2120 people working in non-farm jobs in Grant County in January 2011; 940 of this number were Government jobs. Grant County's jobless rate for January 2011 was 18.5% still one of the highest in the nation (Oregon Employment Department, Workforce Analysis, Eastern Oregon Labor Trends, March 2011 [www.QualityInfo.org](http://www.QualityInfo.org)). 170 jobs were reported in education and health services. Retail, leisure and hospitality reported a combined number of 400, none of which are traditionally considered to be living wage jobs.

One of the industries filing an Enterprise Zone claim had an initial investment in newly constructed buildings, new additions or modifications of existing buildings, and newly installed real property of \$5,483,149.37.