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To: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation
State Capitol, 900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: SB 253

Chair Beyer, Vice Chair Starr, and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to present testimony on SB 253. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities, protect family farms and forests, and provide transportation and housing choice.

SB 253 would authorize the Oregon Business Development Department to provide grants to public and private entities to enable them to conduct various "due diligence" assessments of industrial lands. These assessments include defining development-related constraints and creating detailed development plans to bring sites to market-readiness. 1000 Friends of Oregon supports SB 253; together with SB 246 it provides needed assistance to bring lands zoned for industrial use to readiness.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Policy Director