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From the Desk  
of Rep. Read

## VOTE YES – HB 2657-A

HB 2657-A establishes requirements that must be met before a local government can consider an application to rezone industrial land for nonindustrial use. The applicant for the rezoning must show they have taken certain steps to advertise the site's availability for industrial use, and that changed circumstances have reduced the utility of the site for industrial use.

HB 2657-A is a very modest step forward on a problem that the state is long-overdue in addressing: that of the conversion of Oregon's existing industrial land to non-industrial uses.

Oregon's best opportunities to attract and grow industrial users are on industrial land already inside urban growth boundaries. These sites already:

- are appropriately **zoned** for industrial use,
- have all or most of the necessary **infrastructure**,
- are located near to where potential **workers** already live, and
- are located near **key transportation facilities** that will not be re-produced elsewhere.

The state has already lost many key industrial sites to other uses, including sites along interstate highways and other transportation corridors. It is remarkable that the state is squandering its existing industrial sites while at the same time arguing that it must provide new land, infrastructure, and financial incentives to attract industrial users.

**Help keep industrial lands in industrial use**  
**Please vote YES on HB 2657-A.**

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