

The League of Oregon Cities has sent a copy of House Bill 4092 for comment and suggested we provide response directly to Ms. Reiley, as time is very short before the scheduled hearing.

The City of Vale has spent the last 3 ½ years in amending our Comprehensive Plan and expanding our Urban Growth Boundary to include Buildable Industrial Lands that would be available for employment opportunities. We recently filed a Plan Amendment with the DLDC and at this point we have not completed the effort but have great hopes of success in the late spring. If successful we hope to add two parcels of land available for employment development. While this is a great start, it is only a start. We must have a viable and diverse inventory of available land for Industrial Development. As written, House Bill 4092 would add additional inventory for potential economic growth in Malheur County.

At this point we have no prospects or interested companies to locate in our City, and without available inventory we will not grow and will continue to slowly fade away.

House Bill 4092 is a systematic and common sense approach that will assist the City of Vale and Malheur County in competing with the three bordering counties of Idaho. Therefore, we strongly support passage of House Bill 4092 and would like to thank Representative Bentz and all sponsors of this Legislation.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 541-473-3133.

Thank you

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City of Vale