

February 24, 2016

Sen. Mark Hass, Chair
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 4084 – Brownfield Property Tax Incentive Program

Dear Chair Hass and Members of the Committee:

The entities listed below would like to offer their support of House Bill 4084, which authorizes local governments to provide a property tax incentive program for the remediation of brownfield sites.

This legislation can help to end the cycle of disinvestment in brownfields by addressing the high costs of brownfield cleanup that often constitute a barrier to redevelopment. Additionally, HB 4084 enables local jurisdictions to shape their own programs in a way that matches local values and community needs, which is critical to their long-term use and success. Although a suite of tools will be needed to address the ongoing brownfield issue in Oregon, this bill represents a very important step in expanding the solutions available to local communities.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to make our communities safer and more economically viable through brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Sincerely,

Associated Oregon Industries
Association of Oregon Counties
City of Beaverton
City of Bend
City of Coos Bay
City of Eugene
City of Florence
City of Gresham
City of Hillsboro
City of Medford
City of Portland
City of Salem
City of Tigard
City of Wilsonville
Clackamas County
Columbia Corridor Association
Groundwork Portland
IBEW Local 48
International Port of Coos Bay
League of Oregon Cities

Maul Foster Alongi
Metro
Multnomah County
Northwest Environmental Business Council
Oregon Business Association
Oregon Business Plan
Oregon Coalition of Police and Sheriffs
Oregon Economic Development Association
Oregon Home Builders Association
Oregon Public Ports Association
Oregon State Building & Construction
Trades Council
Oregon State Chamber of Commerce
Port of Portland
Portland Business Alliance
Special Districts Association of Oregon
Sussman Shank, LLP
Tonkon Torp, LLP
Washington County