



LANE WORKFORCE PARTNERSHIP

February 1, 2018

Honorable Phil Barnhart
Chair, House Committee on Revenue
900 Court St. NE., H-279
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 4069

Dear Chair Barnhart and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter of support for HB 4069. Lane County has long been a supporter of economic development efforts for our region and the state. The only dedicated funding provided to the County for these important efforts comes from video lottery revenue dedicated to economic development. Full funding of county economic development programs is of critical importance to our region and I urge support of this bill.

County economic development funding has assisted in a variety of necessary projects for our region. County staff have worked extensively to assist local communities with needed infrastructure development and traded sector economic development efforts and supporting local businesses in their efforts to grow and thrive in our region. Further, Lane County has placed an emphasis on rural economic development and assisting communities throughout the region with priority projects to enhance local economies. All of these projects, and more, are completed with the video lottery funding provided to Lane County that is dedicated to economic development.

Lane Workforce Partnership is the local workforce board for Lane County; we invest in businesses and job seekers in Lane County to improve the workforce environment in the county. Lane Workforce Partnership has partnered with Lane County using economic development funding to move numerous activities forward to improve business viability in Lane County. Without the Lottery funding in Lane County we would not be able to assist with "Moving the needle" on business driven initiatives in the county. Lottery funds and the Lane County Economic Development Department is an integral partner in business viability in Lane County.

We work hard each day to expand economic development in our local and regional economies to help improve opportunities for all of our residents. We kindly ask your support of HB 4069 and the full funding of video lottery dollars to county's for economic development purposes. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Thompson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Sue Thompson
Director of Workforce Investments