

WILLAMETTE VALLEY

VINEYARDS

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TO: The Honorable Mark Hass, Senate Finance & Revenue Committee Chair
Senate Finance & Revenue Committee Members

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On behalf of Willamette Valley Vineyards, we request that the -14 amendments be amended into HB 4028A. The amendments replicate the provisions of HB 4078 which clarifies the statute that passed in 2016 allowing local governments to make available a limited property tax exemption for qualified industrial properties. A similar bill, SB 468, was unanimously approved by the Senate in 2017.

Specifically, the -14 amendments clarify that:

1. Rural areas include both incorporated areas and smaller cities under 40,000 that are located outside of the urban growth boundaries of cities with populations of 40,000 or more.
2. Both state assessed and county assessed properties are eligible to apply.
3. Eligible locations would include locations that are industrial lands but had not formerly been used for industrial purposes.

HB 4078 has bicameral and bi-partisan support as would these amendments.

Please incorporate -14 amendment into HB 4028A to help make this rural investment property tax exemption program more viable.