



Brooks Resources Corporation

February 6, 2020

House Committee on Economic Development
Chair Rep. Lively, Co-Vice Chairs Rep. Fahey, Rep. Wilson, Members of the Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 4157

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Fahey, Rep. Wilson:

With roots in Central Oregon since 1969, we at Brooks Resources Corporation have seen economic tides ebb and flow throughout the years. Our real estate development business, much like many businesses, depend greatly on the economic diversity and vitality in our region. Our success in recent years reflects the opportunities and growth our state, and particularly Central Oregon, have enjoyed since the economic recovery.

We recognize that the outdoor industry has been a growing driver in our economy here in Central Oregon, and across the state. We believe this industry is a great fit for Oregon and our region. For this reason, we're asking for your support of HB 4157. This important legislation would provide funding for program development, program education, business education, business mentoring, business advising, business plan development, regional outreach around the state, exposure opportunities and technical assistance in the outdoor gear and apparel industry.

We personally support local companies in many of our business and personal pursuits and adventures. We ask that the state provide the opportunity for growing companies in this sector achieve success and broader exposure.

Sincere Regards,

Kirk Schueler
President & CEO