## Extend our Local Incentives this Session Support SB 1084A

## Foster Statewide Job Creation and Strengthen CHIPS Act Applications.

Several Economic Development tools currently exist in statute and have been strong economic development tools across the state (see <u>Business Oregon's 2022 report</u> on the effectiveness of these tools).

The Enterprise Zone, GainShare and Industrial Site Readiness programs will expire in several years without extension and are critical recruitment tools for:

- Semiconductor manufacturing and related industries, and
- A broad range of industries throughout Oregon.

While our coalition of local governments, economic development professionals and the private sector support simple 10-year extensions, we're suggesting modernizing the programs to address policy issues raised during the multiple hearings on these topics.

## We need to extend these programs this session.

Recognizing the need to extend these programs and modernize them, **1084A reflects the following** changes to SB 1084, and includes 10-year extensions for Enterprise Zones, Gainshare and Industrial Site Readiness program.

- Address Enterprise Zone eligibility of retail operations with no direct connection to manufacturing.
- Provide better transparency by having Legislative Revenue and Business Oregon coordinate to evaluate practices and differences in statute or practice between zones (in statute) and local governments reporting.
- Increase Strategic Investment Program thresholds through cost indexing.
- Technical changes to the Regional Significant Industrial Site to protect Business Oregon financial liabilities.

