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Land use planning in Oregon has long enjoyed public support and has achieved demonstrable success. Key to this has been a methodical, thoughtful and transparent process conducted within clear rules and providing for participation by the public. SB4 proposes to ignore this respected process to snap at a perceived near term opportunity by giving the Governor unprecedented authority to ignore established policy and rule making procedures. While the potential harms are manifold, it is especially note-worthy that the supposed goal of SB4 is capturing possible expansion of semiconductor industry, there are no provisions to insure that land re-zoned under SB4 will actually be used for semiconductor industry facilities. This legislation is perhaps well intended, but it creates unjustified authority for the Governor, violates well established and highly regarded Oregon land use policies and practices, and does not even guarantee the public that the impacted land will be used for the avowed purposed. Poor policy, tremendous potential for abuse. As a long term Oregon resident and past executive in the semiconductor industry, I urge the rejection of SB4 and the development of a more thoughtful, targeted and transparent approach to supporting economic development and integration with land use planning.