

SB4 overlooks existing industrially zoned sites that are inside urban growth boundaries. The cities that these sites belong to have already designated these areas in compliance and incorporated them into their economic development strategies. These sites could be ready to go quickly. Any land pulled in from outside the urban growth boundary will take years to prepare for this kind of development and cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars if not millions of dollars. It would contribute to urban and industrial sprawl, a number one priority our land use laws are trying to prevent, and create more sources of carbon, air, and water pollution. The lands that are outside the urban growth boundary already have an extremely important purpose as working lands that grow food, drive the agricultural economy, serve as recreation areas, and most importantly, support our wild, prolific, and unique environment. FARMERS, RANCHERS, ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES – WE DO NOT WANT THIS. As elected leaders you say you understand what the people of this state want, you understand it's history and legacy and priorities, but if you support this bill you will be actively betraying and condemning the land and people you were elected to represent. Pulling land that is zoned EFU and/or simply outside the urban growth boundary is not a responsible option and does not align with all things that we (the taxpayers) believe in, and that government officials like to say they believe in.

The audacity of the presentation of this bill is difficult to understand, especially when you consider the following facts: (1) Oregon has multiple sites between 10 and 500 acres that would work for semiconductor research and development facilities and their related uses all within our existing urban growth boundaries. (2) Oregon has multiple sites within our urban growth boundaries that offer redevelopment opportunities for vacant or struggling properties, that could transform these areas for the better. (3) Oregon has multiple sites inside our existing urban growth boundaries that are 500 acres and larger, offering the amount of land and other important features that are attractive for semiconductor manufacturing facilities.

Oregon's unique soils and landscapes cannot be recreated. Once they are gone, they are gone forever. PLEASE do the right thing for the land and for the people and OPPOSE SB4.