



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

February 22, 2023

To: Oregon State Legislature
Re: Support for Extending Sunsets for Oregon Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Program

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

We are writing to encourage strong support for critical bills which provide tools and encourage investments in traded sector businesses and industrial lands. Specifically, bills associated with extending the sunset date on the Enterprise Zone program and the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness program (presently SB 134, SB 135, HB 2060, HB 2061, and HB 2199).

Enterprise Zones are one of the best tools Oregon, particularly rural areas in Oregon, have for attracting traded sector investments and increasing our job base by offering limited duration property tax abatements on new capital investment. The program has a demonstrated ability to create jobs, expand wealth, and enhance long-term property tax revenue.

Extending the Enterprise Zone sunset date now also allows Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America (CHIPS) Act applicants to include the program in applications, which increases Oregon's competitiveness in the semiconductor space.

We strongly urge you to support legislation extending the sunset date for Enterprise Zones.

Thank you for your consideration,

The Deschutes County Board of Commissioners

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Commissioner

CC: Senators Lynn Findley, Tim Knopp, and Dennis Linthicum
Representatives Vikki Breese Iverson, Jason Kropf, Emerson Levy, and E. Werner Reschke