

HB 4042 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Small Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure establishes the Industrial a Site Loan Fund (ISLF). Appropriates \$40,000,000 to the ISLF from the General Fund. Extends the sunset on the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2034. Allows the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) to provide financial assistance and forgivable loans from the ISLF to a project sponsor for allowable costs for an industrial land development project or a planning project within restrictions. Adds semiconductor-related development activities to the definition of “electronic commerce” for purposes of qualifying for the Oregon Enterprize Zone Act and its related programs in ORS 285C. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Preparing industrial land to be used by business.
- Small communities use of the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment adds semiconductor-related development activities directly to the electronic commerce designation qualifications within the Oregon Enterprise Zone Act, 285C.100 and 285C.185.

BACKGROUND:

During the 2023 session HB 2258 A was considered for the purpose of extending the sunset on the Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program this measure continues that work. The Oregon Industrial Site Readiness Program (Program) was established in 2013 and was intended to provide financial assistance to qualified project sponsors through tax reimbursement arrangements and loans, including forgivable loans. However, the Program Fund has never been capitalized to date and the Oregon Business Development Department (OBDD) has never provided loans to qualified project sponsors.