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To:	Chair Bynum, Vice Chair Diehl, Members of the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee
From:	Association of Oregon Counties Legislative Affairs Manager Michael Burdick
Subject:	AOC supports HB 4042

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 4042. For the record, I am Michael Burdick, providing testimony on behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC).

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) is a non-partisan member organization that advocates on issues that unite all county governing bodies and have an impact on county functions, governance, budgets, and services.

Industrial development promotes a thriving economy and creates good jobs for Oregonians. There are numerous sites in Oregon that would be attractive for industrial development, but which aren't attracting development because the sites need significant work to be made ready.

Before it expired, the Regionally Significant Industrial Sites (RSIS) program was the state's only program for getting regionally significant potential industrial sites ready for development. RSIS was never provided with any funding but has already demonstrated some progress in terms of catalyzing limited development at a few regionally significant sites.

AOC believes RSIS has demonstrated results and deserves to be reauthorized. We also believe the \$40M in proposed funding would be a terrific investment in Oregon's future prosperity.

Thank you for considering HB 4042.