

February 24, 2025

House Committee on Economic Development, Small
Business and Trade 900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

SUBJECT: House Bill 3049

Dear Chair Nguyen, Vice-Chair Diehl, Vice-Chair Isadore,
and Honorable Members of the Committee:

On behalf of Southern Oregon Regional Development, Inc
(SORED), I, Chris DuBose, Executive Committee Member,
am writing to express our support for HB 3049.

The Oregon Investment Advantage (OIA) program is a
unique and useful tool for spurring business interest in
Oregon's economically lagging, rural counties, including
the Josephine County, which is one of the two Southern
Oregon counties we serve as both the Economic
Development Organization and the Federally designated
Economic Development District. When Jackson County
was on the OIA County List, a key employer in the region,
NIC Industries, accessed the program, and it is a success
story that we proudly shared to this day on industry
tours.

Southern Oregon Regional Development, Inc (SORED) is
supportive of continued access to incentives for business
retention and expansion in Oregon. House Bill 3049
streamlines the process for one of those incentives and
we continue to share the Oregon Investment Advantage
with existing Oregon companies and businesses seeking
to relocate to the region.

Thank you,



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