



## **HB 4014 – A study bill that will hopefully become a disconnect bill**

House Revenue Committee – Jody Wiser – 2.2.2026

Our hope is that this study bill might become a partial disconnect or a disconnect plus bill. So my comments are general.

Any new spending designed to help Oregon's business climate, whether via the tax code, the general fund, lottery funds or bonding, needs to be paid for by eliminating current tax breaks. It is not a time to cut budgets to do something more for business.

It might be that you act on the money hidden in tax havens, and increase revenue by tightening those loopholes, as have other states. There's nearly \$400 million a biennium there.

There are other options to pay for expansions in spending on business.

You could vote to end select current subsidies

- Maybe the IC Disc that costs \$14 million a biennium and was part of a bargain a decade ago which gives old export businesses an advantage over new ones. It's totally unfair.
- Maybe stop providing a subsidy for "environmentally sensitive" forestry equipment. It's been decades since this tax break was passed. Now all of this equipment is environmentally sensitive.
- Stop federal tax breaks for wealthy investors - \$70 million
  - Disconnect from Opportunity Zone capital gains tax breaks
  - Disconnect from Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) exclusion

- You could send the business community the list of these and other corporate income tax breaks that Marcia Kelly has compiled. She found that they total an average cost of \$633 Million a biennium. Ask the business community which they'll give up for what's in the Governor's, Sollman's, Nguyen's and others' economic development, prosperity and jobs bills.

This much is for sure: both the Governor's and Sollman's bills extend the 3-5 year enterprise zones -- to 8 or 10 or more years.

That means their bills would dramatically increase, potentially doubling the property tax breaks we're giving data centers. This year data centers are costing the state and local communities \$457 million in lost property tax revenue, last year it was \$330 million. Is this what your constituents want you to do to "build jobs and prosperity"? These property tax breaks were important in making Oregon the west coast hub for data centers. But they are no longer needed. We are wasting money.

Bills also propose \$40 million to get industrial land ready for businesses. What happened to the last \$40 million. Did it work? Before you add more, ask how successful the last \$40 million was in "stimulating" jobs and for a listing of the current supply of industrial sites.

If you want public satisfaction, don't give new trickle down deals for business unless those deals are paid for by ending some of the hundreds of millions given away in prior "deals" to stimulate job growth and also -- quit subsidizing data centers.