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HB 4104 - FISH & CHIPS

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Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee.

For the record, my name is Representative Lamar Wise. I proudly represent House District HD 48, SE Portland and North Clackamas, and I am a co-sponsor of House Bill 4104.

House Bill 4104 is about making Oregon's economic development strategy more practical, inclusive, and resilient, while maintaining strong accountability for public dollars.

At its core, this bill modernizes our state CHIPS framework to reflect what we are seeing on the ground. Not every business that is eligible for federal semiconductor assistance is positioned to pursue that funding immediately, or at all. Federal programs can be complex, slow, and highly competitive. HB 4104 ensures Oregon is not locked into a "one-size-fits-all" approach that unintentionally leaves good projects, good jobs, and real regional opportunities on the table.

This bill allows Oregon to support covered entities that meet federal eligibility standards, even if they have not applied for federal CHIPS funding. That flexibility matters. It allows our state to move at the speed of opportunity while still prioritizing projects that strengthen supply chains, expand research and development, and create family-wage jobs.

Importantly, HB 4104 does not loosen oversight. In fact, it reinforces it.

The bill preserves strong wage standards, clear revenue or job-creation benchmarks, repayment requirements if projects fail to deliver, and ongoing reporting to both the Oregon Business Development Commission and the Legislature. These are not blank checks. They are performance-based investments with real consequences if expectations are not met.

I also want to highlight that this bill expands the scope beyond semiconductors alone to include other targeted industries, such as advanced manufacturing, materials, and equipment, that are essential to a stable and competitive domestic supply chain. This is how we avoid overconcentration and build long-term economic resilience across regions of our state.

Equally important is what this bill recognizes about people.

HB 4104 continues Oregon's leadership in tying economic development to workforce partnerships, particularly with higher education, apprenticeship programs, workforce boards, and training providers. And it maintains the critical connection between large-scale industry growth and child care infrastructure, ensuring that workers can actually take the jobs we are creating.

Economic development doesn't work if parents can't find child care, if workers can't access training, or if communities don't see tangible benefits. This bill understands that reality and plans for it.

Finally, I want to note the transparency provisions and sunset dates included in the bill. HB 4104 is structured to evolve with the economy, not lock Oregon into outdated policy. It gives us the tools we need now, with clear off-ramps and reporting to ensure future legislatures can reassess and refine.

In short, House Bill 4104 keeps Oregon competitive, accountable, and people-centered. It aligns our economic strategy with the realities of today's manufacturing landscape while protecting workers, communities, and taxpayers.

I urge your support for HB 4104. Thank you for your time!