



February 16, 2026

To: Members of the House Committee on Revenue
Fr: Duke Shepard, Sr. Policy Director
Re: Support for HB 4084

OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, more than 75% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians.

Oregon is in the midst of a multi-year manufacturing recession, with more job losses than during the great recession. We've been the second worst state for manufacturing jobs for over 6 years.

OBI supports the modifications of the Enterprise Zone program to make it more competitive while retaining as much local control as possible, and we support all other aspects of the bill as well. We sincerely hope that any changes to the bill at this point can be "de minimis".

As the committee has the record of my comments from the originating policy committee, I'll limit my testimony focus to what we saw as some unfinished business at that time regarding the "Fast Track" permitting process.

We have worked with the governor's office to negotiate more precise direction and detail, thereby addressing what we saw as areas for improvement, and we appreciate and support those changes without reservation.

OBI supports HB 4084, and we hope the committee will as well.

Thank you.