



February, 16, 2026

Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 4084

Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

On behalf of the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay, I write to express our strong support for House Bill 4084. The Port of Coos Bay plays a critical role in Oregon's economy as the busiest seaport on the Oregon coast, supporting maritime commerce, international trade, commercial fishing, and regional industry. The Port is also advancing the Pacific Coast Intermodal Port project, which will establish the nation's first fully ship-to-rail container terminal and the first new West Coast trade gateway in over 50 years. This generational investment is designed to expand export opportunities for Oregon producers, strengthen national supply chain resilience, and create family-wage jobs across Southwest Oregon. We appreciate Governor Kotek's leadership in advancing permitting coordination and economic development initiatives that recognize the urgency of maintaining Oregon's competitiveness.

HB 4084 arrives at a pivotal moment for Oregon's economy. Communities across the state are working to attract investment, grow traded-sector industries, and create durable career opportunities, yet too often face structural barriers that slow or deter projects. One of the most persistent challenges is the shortage of development-ready industrial land. Investments that help prepare sites for development — from infrastructure to pre-development work — give local governments and regional partners the tools they need to compete for opportunities that might otherwise go to other states. Expanding Oregon's inventory of development-ready sites is essential to supporting manufacturing, logistics, and export-oriented industries that sustain long-term economic growth.

The bill's attention to permitting coordination and improvement is equally significant. Major infrastructure and industrial projects often require approval from multiple agencies, each with its own timelines and processes. While rigorous review is important, unpredictability and duplication can create uncertainty that discourages investment. This lack of clarity often creates a serious lag-time in projects that can become their death-knell. The proposed Joint Permitting Council and a coordinated, cross-agency approach to high impact projects represent a practical step toward greater clarity, efficiency, and accountability in the permitting process. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Governor's Office and Legislature to implement these initiatives in ways that deliver meaningful economic benefits to every corner of the state.

In closing, House Bill 4084 aligns closely with the needs we see on the ground in coastal and rural Oregon. It strengthens our economic development toolkit and signals the state is serious about competing for investment, supporting employers, and creating opportunities in communities across Oregon. We commend the Governor and Legislature for advancing solutions that recognize both the urgency and the opportunity before us. The Oregon International Port of Coos Bay respectfully urges your support for HB 4084.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lanelle Comstock".

Lanelle Comstock
Chief Executive Officer
Oregon International Port of Coos Bay