



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 4084 – Oppose

Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters and members of the committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has concerns about this bill. The only portion of the bill we support is the permit streamlining.

In Section 7 removes the local conditions necessary to establish an enterprise zone and replaces it with the local sponsor asserting the need for economic development. There are currently 55 rural and 18 urban enterprise zones.

In sections 8, 11 and 12 allows industry sectors rather than eligible businesses. That is reasonable. However, why, upon written request of sponsor, do we expand the zone to provide for sales for household uses, retail sales and "operating" fulfillment centers. What kind of wage would that expansion use support? In a bill on the other side of the building proponents are calling out a need for more industrial land.

In sections 9-10 the years for property tax forgiveness is expanded although there is an amendment limiting it to ten years, dash 5.

In sections 13-15 the business would be allowed flexible hiring timelines if they achieve "alternative performance criteria". So, does this mean that we reward businesses not for jobs but for making more money? What are alternative performance criteria?

In sections 16 and 17 the bill asks for \$40 million for the Industrial Site Loan Fund. Where are those dollars coming from?

I have submitted what I call "reports". One details the income tax expenditures we give corporations and the other are the property tax expenditures, also just for corporations or other business structures. The information comes directly from the tax expenditure report but condensed. Maybe one of those expenditures could be eliminated to fund these new expenditures and the \$40 million loan fund.

Oregon will have prosperity when our children can be in employment related day care or preschool with learning opportunities, our kids don't come to school hungry or without a roof over their head, our college and university students can start their lives after education without bone crushing debt, and our seniors can live in dignity and not in their cars.

Prosperity is not showering corporations with tax breaks.

Oregon is struggling as are many states, even vaunted Texas, with job creation according to the Dallas Federal Reserve. And by the way, the census bureau migration figures show more people moved from Texas to Oregon in 2024 than Oregonians moved to Texas.

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