



February 17, 2026

House Committee on Transportation
900 Court St, NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

The Technology Association of Oregon (TAO) is the force behind the regional tech industry—supporting entrepreneurs, connecting peers and decision makers statewide, and helping establish the Northwest as a global hub for innovation. We work with over 500 tech and tech-enabled companies throughout Oregon, ranging in size from one-person startups to some of the largest tech companies in the world.

TAO appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 4084A.

Oregon has been losing businesses over the recent years, including businesses in the tech sector. This has been exacerbated by the fact that we have not seen the same inbound investment as was present after the great Recession. In order for this state to get back to a period of growth, we need to take concrete steps to create the conditions that allow us to compete readily with other states. HB 4084A does that through the creation of FastTrack permits program for major projects, the modernizing of business incentives, and the allocation of funds to establish shovel ready sites for development.

We are grateful to the legislature for making a significant investment in business development through the passage of the Oregon CHIPS Act (2023). As a result, we are starting to see the formation of a dozen new and promising semiconductor companies in Oregon, something that we haven't really seen since the 80s. But, as these companies scale, they will need access to shovel ready land and reliable and fast permit processes in order to stay in Oregon.

Oregon's established businesses are also hearing from other states trying to recruit them through incentives. Proposing the reasonable benefits included in HB 4084A will help ensure businesses remain in Oregon and that Oregonians have access to high paying jobs, entrepreneurs have the certainty they need to operate and that our state can effectively grow an innovation economy. For these reasons, TAO urges your support for HB 4084A.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skip Newberry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Skip Newberry
President & CEO, Technology Association of Oregon