



## **SB 1586 – Sollman’s Jobs bill with the -7 and -8 amendments**

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**My name is Jody Wisner and I am speaking for Tax Fairness Oregon.  
We have issues with each of the elements of this bill.**

**There is nothing in this bill that is actually well designed and/or compelling or not done in the Governor’s bill, nothing that begs to be done this session.**

**Except using the -8 to eliminate our subsidies for data centers as I spoke about last week.**

**Today I want to speak to the bill’s change to  
REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL SITES (RSIS)**

According to Senator Sollman the change to the RSIS program is designed to help out Pendleton. However, it actually changes the rules for every RSIS project.

This is a program where one hand of the state (filled employees’ income taxes) pays back/refills the RSIS loan fund, which is another hand of the state set up with state funds.

The change to the RSIS program makes it easier for local jurisdictions or private developers to claw back from the state 50% of the Personal Income Taxes of employees. Why? To pay for the infrastructure for the site of the business.

As homeowners these employees would pay for this infrastructure themselves were they buying homes built on raw land. Why are business property owners not also paying for the infrastructure they need?

But the real question is: why would the state be helping Pendleton at all? There is no reason why we should be weakening the rules of a the RSIS program for their drone facility.

Pendleton sits in one of the richest counties in the state. **Umatilla County is so rich that it gave Amazon \$196 million in tax breaks last year.** There is plenty of local money available.

Alternatively, the UAS test range had 65,000 drone operations last year. A one dollar additional charge to users at this “busiest drone test range in the nation,” “with increasing military and commercial demand” would easily provide what the income taxes of the employees might provide. Let the people using the facility pay for the infrastructure provided to the site.

Companies have been using the drone site since 2014.

It’s time for the local leaders to figure out how to repay their loan, not ask the state to change it rules.

## **EQUIPMENT TAX BREAK**

**The bill also creates a new five-year property tax break for machinery and equipment used in “advanced manufacturing.”** That could be forestry, or semiconductor equipment, or servers at data centers. This tax exemption **has no job creation or wage requirements.**

**Today new equipment often eliminates jobs.** In other words, **this could be a simple handout to a business providing no benefit – or a negative benefit - to the state and local community.**

While a business may prudently make a decision to upgrade equipment to make their business more productive, ie, employ fewer people, why would the state allow a local port, city or county to give up not just their own property taxes, but those of other jurisdictions, including K-12 statewide, in support of that decision? **This may well decrease revenue from income taxes, and most assuredly will from property taxes.**

## **ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TAX CREDIT**

**Similarly, the new advanced manufacturing tax credit deserves study.** For example, the way it reads, even if a business is disqualified, it still gets a year of the tax credit, and there are no job and wage requirements. And the section defining the limits is not clearly written and could have several interpretations.

## **PERMITTING**

**This is duplicative of the Governor’s bill.**

**In the best of all worlds, you would eliminate all of Senator Sollman’s “jobs” ideas and instead make this a bill that eliminates all property tax subsidies for data centers and cryptocurrency mining. That’s a job that does need to be done. To not act this year could cost billions over time as the industry will start every project they can while the Legislature and the Governor get their act together.**

*We read the bills and follow the money*