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On Behalf Of: Washington County Chamber of Commerce
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Support HB 1586 before Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Chair Broadman, members of the Committee,

My name is Brad Smith. I am the CEO of Windsor Properties and serve as Chair of the Public Policy Committee for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has also submitted written testimony that includes stories from small and mid-sized businesses across our community explaining why SB 1586 matters to Main Street.

I'm here today in strong support of SB 1586.

At its core, this bill is about whether Oregon intends to compete for high-wage advanced manufacturing jobs or continue losing them to other states. These industries don't just benefit one employer. They support deep supply chains, small businesses, construction firms, professional services, and local retailers across our state.

When major projects land here, the economic ripple effects are immediate and long-lasting. When we lose them, the impact is felt well beyond a single community.

SB 1586 aligns build-ready industrial land, performance-based investment tools, and improved permitting transparency to strengthen Oregon's competitiveness while maintaining our standards.

Oregon cannot afford to fall further behind.

Oregon must be competitive.

I respectfully urge your support for SB 1586.

Thank you.

Brad Smith

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