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On Behalf Of: City of Sherwood
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City of Sherwood
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Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, OR

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1586

Chair and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the City of Sherwood, I write in support of Senate Bill 1586.

Sherwood is a growing community in Washington County with a strong commitment to advanced manufacturing, innovation, and job creation. As we continue planning for the expansion of our Tonquin Employment Area and other industrial lands, we are focused on attracting high-wage traded-sector employers that strengthen Oregon's economic competitiveness while preserving local decision-making authority.

Senate Bill 1586 represents a thoughtful approach to strengthening Oregon's position in advanced manufacturing and semiconductor-related industries. The bill enhances tools such as tax incentives and enterprise zone frameworks that are critical in today's highly competitive site selection environment. Cities across Oregon are competing not only regionally, but nationally and globally, for investment. Modernizing and reinforcing these tools is essential if Oregon intends to remain competitive.

Importantly, SB 1586 maintains local government authority over land use and permitting decisions. The City of Sherwood values its local planning responsibilities and its obligation to thoughtfully balance economic development, infrastructure capacity, and community livability. This legislation appropriately preserves that local role while providing additional economic development tools at the state level.

From Sherwood's perspective, SB 1586:

- Strengthens Oregon's advanced manufacturing and semiconductor competitiveness
- Enhances enterprise zone and investment tools
- Improves the state's ability to respond to large-scale investment opportunities
- Preserves local land use authority and local permitting control

Communities like Sherwood are actively working to prepare industrial sites, build workforce partnerships, and support supply chain growth. State-level alignment through legislation such as SB 1586 helps ensure that when opportunity arises, Oregon can respond quickly and effectively.

For these reasons, the City of Sherwood respectfully supports Senate Bill 1586 and encourages its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Erik Adair (on behalf of City Council and Mayor)
Economic Development Manager
City of Sherwood