



March 4, 2026

The Honorable Tina Kotek
Governor of Oregon
900 Court Street NE, Suite 254
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Governor Kotek,

On behalf of the Bend Chamber and Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO), we write to respectfully share our perspective on SB 1507A.

We would first like to sincerely acknowledge Senator Broadman's leadership and the significant effort he has devoted to this legislation. We appreciate his collaborative approach, his willingness to engage stakeholders, and his commitment to addressing complex challenges facing Oregon communities. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in the discussion.

We share the Legislature's goal of fostering strong, resilient communities across our state. At the same time, we remain concerned that SB 1507A, as currently drafted, may have unintended consequences for Oregon's business climate; particularly small and mid-sized employers and early-stage companies that are already navigating workforce shortages, housing constraints, rising operating costs, and heightened sensitivity to investment-related tax policy. We are concerned that these unintended effects could undermine the state's long-term goals of innovation, job creation, and economic resilience.

In Central Oregon, many businesses are working hard to stabilize, grow responsibly, and provide quality jobs. Additional regulatory complexity or uncertainty, even when well-intentioned, can influence decisions about expansion and investment. We are especially mindful of the cumulative impact of new requirements layered onto existing obligations.

With respect for the work that has gone into this bill, we encourage consideration of a veto to allow additional time for stakeholder collaboration and refinement. We believe that continued dialogue could help identify a path forward that advances shared community priorities while preserving economic confidence and competitiveness.

Thank you for your leadership and for your thoughtful consideration of our perspective. We remain committed to partnering with your office and legislative leaders to support balanced, durable solutions for Oregon.

Sincerely,

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