

I voted no on SB 4. If Oregon is not as competitive as it could be, is the answer to throw taxpayer money at particular private businesses, or is it better to work to craft policies that help competition and businesses thrive for EVERYONE in our state? It is not “business friendly” to spend public money to only “maybe/perhaps” attract one particular industry.

Regardless of all the wonderful and aspirational visions for all the great things that might happen when this bill passes, there is no guarantee that any of this money will actually bring the desired result. There IS, however, a guarantee that Oregon will have less money to spend on homelessness, mental health, drug abuse, law enforcement, schools, veterans, and the list goes on and on. These are issues that Oregonians care about....NOT whether we set up public money giveaways for one private industry.

There is a lot of justification for spending this money. There is a lot of hope, and faith, in this proposal. How many times have we all been promised rainbows and unicorns and how many times are we going to fall for it?

Let's quit spending money on rainbows and unicorns and get to work helping Oregonians. Just wait for it. It will become a boondoggle like so many other similar proposals before it but I hope I am wrong.