



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation SB 4 B

Semiconductor development and manufacturing is an important part of Oregon's economy. Ensuring this industry's health and growth is essential. However I voted NO on SB 4B for the following reasons.

- ◆ There are no guarantees of funding or development from the federal government. The economic impact is both speculative and indeterminate, especially for rural Oregon. SB 4 B allocates over \$200 million to attract specific businesses to the state at a time when the economy is anything but certain. Recently state economists warned the legislature of a potential recession during the next biennium.
- ◆ With SB 4 B there are significant land use policy implications; moreover, the broad increase in Executive authority without a guarantee of success is concerning. SB 4 B's land use considerations are not how a democratic-elected republic should govern. One person should not be authorized with such power in determining potential winners and losers. That is certainly not the Oregon way.

On the whole, if Oregon had a friendly tax policy and flexible land use laws, SB 4 B would be unnecessary. Businesses would, without much thought, expand their current operations in Oregon and new CHIP manufactures would open operations in our beloved state. While federal funding for CHIP development and manufacturing is a great opportunity, this is a wake-up call for the Oregon legislature to rethink how we tax businesses and how land use laws discourage companies, of all types, from finding Oregon the most attractive option.

Sincerely,

**E. WERNER RESCHKE**  
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*The Crater Lake District*