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Sen. Janeen Sollman Introduces Oregon JOBS Act to Protect Family Wage Jobs and Strengthen Oregon's Economy

SALEM, OR – Senator Janeen Sollman (D–Hillsboro) announces her introduction of the **Oregon JOBS Act–Jobs, Opportunity & Build-Ready Site Act**—a bipartisan and bicameral [economic development proposal](#) targeted on keeping advanced manufacturing jobs in Oregon and ensuring the state can compete for major investments.

“Oregon has everything it needs to succeed: skilled workers, innovation, and strong communities,” Sollman said. “This bipartisan, bicameral proposal shows how we move from planning to modest growth and reclaiming our position as a top state for advanced manufacturing and family-wage jobs.”

The legislation takes recommendations from the **Clean Tech Task Force and the Semiconductor Competitiveness Task Force**, which identified the need for development-ready industrial land, modern incentives, and more predictable permitting.

“One of the things I learned during the 2023 Joint Semiconductor Committee is that Oregon’s economic growth is hindered by the lack of industrial land particularly in the Hillsboro area,” said **Rep. Kim Wallan (R–Medford)**. The Oregon JOBS Act provides the land to attract and retain advanced manufacturing jobs that will greatly benefit Oregon's economy.”

A key component of the [Oregon JOBS Act](#) brings a **single site of** industrial land in North Hillsboro south of Highway 26 into the urban growth boundary for **advanced manufacturing and supply chain uses only**. The bill **explicitly prohibits stand-alone data centers** and limits development to job-creating, traded-sector industries.

The Oregon JOBS Act also modernizes Oregon’s economic toolkit by expanding the research and development tax credit, strengthening enterprise zones, and improving permitting predictability.

"We know that our advanced manufacturing industry is the economic engine for the state. Biotechnology, semiconductors, food manufacturing, and high-wage jobs are only made possible with bold, collaborative, and strategic action" said **Rep. Hai Pham (D-S Hillsboro, W Beaverton, and unincorporated Washington County)**.

Advanced manufacturing jobs are among the **best-paying jobs in Oregon**, with a median annual wage of about \$65,000. ECONorthwest analysis shows that economic development in this sector could support **tens of thousands of jobs, billions in economic output**, and long-term revenue to support schools and public services.

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