



SB 1586 Oregon JOBS Act Fact Sheet

SB 1586 strengthens Oregon’s competitiveness by aligning build-ready land, advanced manufacturing jobs, smart incentives, and predictable permitting, while maintaining Oregon’s land-use framework and environmental protections.

Claim: “This is a land grab for data centers.”

Facts:

- SB 1586 **explicitly prohibits stand-alone data centers** on the North Hillsboro site.
- The bill only allows limited, accessory data-processing functions when directly tied to advanced manufacturing operations.
- The site is restricted to advanced manufacturing and related supply-chain uses.

Key Fact:

This bill does not authorize data centers. It is designed to support advanced manufacturing.

Claim: “This plan won’t create real jobs.”

Facts:

- SB 1586 targets **advanced manufacturing industries** such as semiconductors, biotech, and clean technology.
- These industries consistently provide **higher-than-average wages** and strong economic ripple effects.
- Oregon has experienced manufacturing job losses while other states continue to gain manufacturing employment.

Key Fact:

This bill focuses on family-wage jobs and long-term economic growth.

Claim: “There is no plan to bring advanced manufacturing to Hillsboro.”

Facts:

- The bill restricts allowed uses on the site to advanced manufacturing and supporting industrial activity.
- The site was selected due to its proximity to existing workforce pipelines, suppliers, industrial infrastructure, and transportation access.
- Concentrating development in established industrial areas reduces sprawl and improves project efficiency.

Key Fact:

SB 1586 directly links land readiness with job-creating industries.

Claim: “We already have plenty of industrial land inside Urban Growth Boundaries.”

Facts:

- Modern advanced manufacturing often requires **large, contiguous sites** exceeding 500 acres.
- Statewide analyses found no comparable site in the Portland metro region that meets these scale and infrastructure requirements.
- Many sites that appear available cannot realistically be assembled or permitted for major projects.

Key Fact:

This bill addresses the gap between available land and build-ready industrial land.

Claim: “Taxpayers will be stuck paying for infrastructure and utilities.”

Facts:

- Incentives in SB 1586 are **performance-based and time-limited**.
- Local property tax tools are **optional and locally controlled**.
- Infrastructure planning remains part of existing local and state review processes.

Key Fact:

The bill ties incentives to real investment and job creation.

Claim: “Regulatory reform means weaker environmental protections.”

Facts:

- SB 1586 does not remove environmental standards or permitting requirements.
- The bill focuses on **transparency, predictable timelines, and process accountability**.
- It does not create new shortcuts that bypass environmental review.

Key Fact:

This improves clarity and efficiency without lowering regulatory standards.

Oregon Jobs Act – SB 1586 – Resources:

- ⇒ [SB 1586 Overview – OLIS](#)
- ⇒ [SB 1586 One Pager](#)
- ⇒ [SB 1586 Land FAQ](#)
- ⇒ [SB 1586 Incentives FAQ](#)
- ⇒ [SB 1586 Regulatory Reform FAQ](#)

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