



Senators Janeen Sollman, Chair, Lynn Findley, Vice Chair, Mark Meek (District 20) and honorable members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

RE: Oregon City Business Alliance Support of Senate Bill 630

As the Vice Chair of the Oregon City Business Alliance, I enthusiastically support SB 630 that authorizes \$15 million in Lottery Bonds to fund grants to developers for redevelopment of landfill sites. Oregon City has an ideal property for this program; The 62-acre former Rossman Landfill site created in 1969 is Oregon City's largest, most strategic mixed use redevelopment site. Oregon DEQ is and has been supportive of past and proposed mitigation strategies.

Summit Development is proposing a significant redevelopment for the property. Their Abernethy Green mixed-use project will create needed housing, retail, office and entertainment space designed to meet community needs. Among its major economic impacts, the project will:

- Create 500 units of apartment housing onsite to begin to address a shortage in the city.
- Bring 3,061 construction related jobs and 988 new full/part time jobs when operational.
- Generate \$153.9 million in direct labor income.
- \$77.1 million in annual gross economic activity.
- \$115 million annual gross receipts.
- \$3.3 million annual local property tax revenues.
- Attract tourism-driven tenants, indoor active entertainment, a community gathering area, a grocery store, a bank, and more retail, office and service businesses that are responsive to community needs.
- The development will fund expanded sewer, water and transportation infrastructure to serve the site and the greater community.

This redevelopment project is a great fit for the lottery bond grants proposed by SB 630. Our board strongly encourages the committee to pass this bill.

Sincerely;

Vice President

