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I OPPOSE CERTAIN RESTRICTING LANGUAGE IN SB 4

If we are talking about equity, the preference for Black college seems racists. What about Blacks and underserved in any college. Why not any low income program? Do historically black colleges exist in Oregon?

The bill provides that program be administered jointly by department and Governor. Allows Governor to designate certain lands to be brought within urban growth boundaries by executive order for specified industrial uses for Cities of Albany, Boardman, Corvallis, Gresham, Happy Valley, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Medford, Newport, North Plains, Redmond, Scappoose, Sherwood, The Dalles, Tualatin and Wilsonville. Do these cities meet the diversity standards?

Gives the Governor final decision to approve a program grant up to \$25 million without legislative approval, which isn't appealable.

Preference is given to applications that propose projects described as the covered entity has a documented interest in constructing, expanding, or modernizing a facility in semiconductor manufacturing that will incorporate significant participation by businesses owned by members of underrepresented communities and economically disadvantaged individuals; and applications that, taken together, represent regional diversity in Oregon. This limits the opportunity to specific areas based only on population that may not be the best place environmentally or geographically to build.