

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

What will it take to create a stable economy?



Sollman's SB 1586 fails to advance

Disappointing news out of Salem today as the Oregon JOBS Act (SB1586) failed to move ahead.

We've talked about our economic data and the trends we are seeing from varied sources including Oregon's state economist, our regional economists from the Employment department, and ECONorthwest.

We know that Oregon is hobbled with a one and a half-legged tax stool coupled with a statewide kicker every other year.

And we know that our land use and permitting systems means businesses don't see increased certainty to help them de-risk investments in our region and our state.

And yet, a modest proposal to bring 373 acres into the urban growth boundary - land that has been studied for the last 20+ years, land that would allow for dense growth at the edge of the boundary, land that lays astride infrastructure that is already in the ground - has failed to advance.

The hope remains that over the course of the interim, the time between legislative sessions, we are able to work with the legislators who fear a 'land grab'. We need to find a way to reassure them that **modest regional growth is a reasonable and critical path to secure well-paid jobs that will benefit community members and state coffers alike.**

We have our work cut out for us as we try to unpack the narrative that business' interests are not aligned with community interests. Or that we can't both care about building a strong workforce and care about our farms and forests.

And maybe, it is time to have the bigger, harder conversation: Tax Reform.

A hat tip to those who made the effort to move this effort ahead.

In the meantime, let's continue to conversation - - join us at this year's Policy Conference. **Let's get to work better understanding what it takes to power our economy, communities and homes with safe, reliable and affordable energy.** [Sign up here.](#)

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**Washington County Registration Fee Update &
Clean Water Services Major Infrastructure
Projects Presentation**

Thursday, March 5, 2026 | 7:30 - 9:00 am

*In Person attendance encouraged
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**WEA Committees are open to
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| 12 Mar | City of Forest Grove, Theatre in the Grove, 5:30pm |
| 13 Apr | City of Tigard, Broadway Rose Theatre, 5:30pm |
| 20 Apr | City of Wilsonville, City Hall, 7:00pm |
| 6 May | City of Cornelius, Cornelius Public Library - Walters Community Room, 5:30pm |
| 19 May | City of Tualatin, Grand Hotel - Bridgeport, 5:30pm |

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