

Oregon Technology PAC Policy Framework

- The technology industry is knowledge-based and therefore cares deeply about education at all levels, with an emphasis on STEM education in K-12 and in higher education. Beyond the need to build a strong, local workforce, excellence in education particularly in K-12 is crucial to our ability to attract and retain employees in Oregon.
- Another key focus of the technology industry is the ability to gain capital and assist startup companies. While we believe ultimately capital formation is a private sector responsibility, we believe that government can play a limited role in providing capital, assisting mentoring programs, and facilitating technology transfer from universities to the market.
- Tax policies are also important, from the large-scale incentives programs such as the Strategic Investment Program and Enterprise Zones to more narrow targeted incentives for early-stage growth companies. Such programs should be transparent and recipients should be accountable.
- Regional infrastructure is also critical, especially in the transportation sector. We need to help our employees get to work and help our companies get products to market efficiently.
- Similarly, the regulatory infrastructure is key – companies need certainty in siting decisions, building permits, and environmental regulations.