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Chair Doherty and Members of the Business and Labor Committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify on HB 2524.

HB 2524 would limit some exemptions for licenses required by the Construction Contractors Board (CCB). By removing these exemptions, financial and real estate businesses would be required to use licensed contractors to actually perform work that is under the authority of the CCB and ORS 701. However, these businesses would still be able to arrange for and contract for the work to be done.

Presently, renovation, remodeling, or repair work performed on structures for the purpose of resale to the public or for clients of these industries can be done by unlicensed individuals and businesses. This practice fails to provide the same consumer protections or safety standards that would be required of a licensed contractor. Not only does this threaten the value and safety of the structure, but it also poses a serious risk to the workers making the repairs, as they may not be afforded the same workplace protections that a licensed contractor would be required to provide.

Additionally, this poses a threat to the business of many licensed professionals in the construction and contracting industry that take actions to ensure that the quality of their work and the safety of their employees meet the standards set by the licensing board.

It is critical that we make sure all repairs and alterations are done by reputable and reliable contracting professionals in full compliance with state licensing procedures, and that the work and workers are covered by adequate bonding and insurance. When a consumer buys an "as is" property, they should have confidence that work performed on the property meets a quality and standard that is expected from the construction industry.

I urge you to move this bill out of committee with a do-pass recommendation. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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