



Support for HB 2464-B: Transaction Reporting - Business to Business

The Northwest Construction Alliance urges your support of HB2464-B. Passing HB 2464-B helps curtail and eventually thwart tax fraud and payroll cheating plaguing a number of industries and private sector businesses that depend on legally public bid contracts, accurate reporting and data to ensure compliance.

From the construction sector perspective it can be simply stated that legitimate construction businesses, professional crafts people and thousands of Oregonians are sick and tired of being scammed by the cheaters who bid contracts with bogus figures knowing well their bids do not include legitimate costs of doing business with state and local governments. As low bid cheaters, they know taxes won't be collected or paid for workers compensation, employment security, and legitimate local wages and benefits. Unpaid revenues due state and local government compound yearly and adversely affect your ability to write budgets that supports education, progressive community programs and the health and vitality of our communities. Unpaid wages affect the health and well being of working families struggling to survive traditional project to project employment. It is equally unfair to the majority of honest contractors who play by the rules. Construction cheaters are common in both public and private construction bids.

The Federal Government's reporting requirements to identify such cheaters is underway. Oregon and our NW States should follow suit to address this nationwide problem. States that don't refine their data collection, compliance and enforcement to rid their business community of such willful cheaters will become the specific destination state for those looking to win low bids through unlawful practices. Please pass HB 2464-B and help ensure everyone pays the taxes they owe, while bringing fairness to the market place.

**From the Desk of
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