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RE: Pending Legislation Regarding Resilience Planning

Honorable Members:

The Oregon Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE Oregon Section) represents over 2000 civil engineering design professionals in the state. The ASCE Oregon Section has taken a keen interest in the State's preparation for natural disasters, specifically the expected Cascadia subduction zone earthquake, and the likely devastating consequences. The ASCE Oregon Section is continuing to support the seismic resiliency efforts brought to the Capitol by fifty engineering design professionals on February 17, 2015. As discussed with several legislators on that day, the ASCE Oregon Section supports implementation of the Oregon Resilience Task Force recommendations. We are actively tracking the progress of legislation that promotes resiliency and implementation of the Task Force recommendations during the current legislative session. As part of this effort, representatives of the ASCE Oregon Section also attended the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) meeting on March 10, 2015.

We are pleased to see your Committee is considering legislation implementing resilience planning at your April 7, 2015 Public Hearing. We endorse and encourage your support for the following senate bills:

**SB 94**  
**SB 775**  
**SB 778**  
**SB 808**

We hope these bills are the start of a statewide effort to advance the critical planning and implementation of the Oregon's Seismic Resilience Plan. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of these bills and look forward to providing our continued support for this and other related legislation.

Respectfully submitted,



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President ASCE Oregon Section, on behalf of the ASCE Oregon Section Board