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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF OREGON

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Memorandum

To: Senate Committee on Veterans and Emergency Preparedness
From: Marshall Coba on behalf of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon
RE: Resiliency Plan Related Legislation
SB 94, SB 775, SB 778, SB 808

The American Council of Engineering Companies is pleased to support the four bills before the Committee today. ACEC Oregon has a long standing commitment to implementing proper planning and implementation of legislation that prepares Oregon for major seismic or tsunami events. ACEC Oregon was a major player in passing the 2002 ballot measures that amended the constitution to allow bonding for retrofitting of schools, hospitals, fire and police stations.

ACEC represents more than 110 engineering firms in Oregon with more than 3,400 employees. Our private sector engineers are working daily with both public and private clients to design and construct projects that are on budget, on time and meet and exceed the goals of the client. Many of these are built with seismic resiliency as a key component.

ACEC supports the four bills before you today and urges your support.

SB 94 -- Directs Land Conservation and Development Commission to require local governments in which there are communities at substantial risk of experiencing severe impact from tsunami inundation to plan for tsunami resiliency.

SB 775 -- Reduces concerns about negligence on work done pre-natural disaster.

SB 778 -- Allows State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries to require use of risk mitigation methods in, or to prohibit construction of, certain facilities and structures in tsunami inundation zone.

SB 808 -- Directs Department of Human Services to coordinate and facilitate state and local community resiliency planning to prepare for and respond to catastrophic consequences and mass displacement that may result from naturally occurring seismic events.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 94, SB 775, SB 778 and SB 808.

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