

Dear Mr. Patrick Brennan,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed Senate Bill 885 which "Modifies provision allowing waiver of qualification for registration as professional engineer if applicant has professional engineering experience in another jurisdiction". I am a registered Professional Engineer in British Columbia, and I recently moved to Oregon to be with my wife who is attending Oregon State University. The approval of this bill would allow me to fully contribute to Oregon's economy by working at a job that is suitable for my experience and education.

In regards to the duration of professional practice as specified in Section 2, I support the language requiring 8 years of professional practice. This is in line with other States such as Idaho, Nevada, and Texas. British Columbia currently requires 5 years of experience for engineers from Oregon to practice under its reciprocity terms and this has worked well for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC).

In regards to the proposed changes from the Oregon State board of Engineering:

The proposals for 12 or 25 years of professional practice would prevent young and enthusiastic engineers from being able to easily transfer to Oregon, which could turn could reduce the competitiveness of Oregon's engineering sector.

In regards to the proposed modifications regarding "*Qualifications of testing, education, and experience equal, or greater to those required for professional engineering licensure requirements for Oregon. Equal or greater qualification determination(s) are to be by The Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying.*". I do not support this amendment because the exact wording may be impossible to meet for foreign jurisdictions. For example, the 1989 "Washington Accord" recognized the essential equivalence of the accreditation process for engineering between numerous developed countries including Canada and the United States. However, the Canadian licencing process differs from that of the US, and is not recognized by Oregon State. This amendment would theoretically prevent non-American engineers from being able to register in Oregon without going through the entire registration procedure. This could negate the primary intent of the bill.

Thank-you for your work on this bill, and I would once again like to offer you my support, in particular for the proposed wording in SB 885. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support its passage.

Best regards,

Daniel Norton