

Chair Boquist and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit support for SB 1054. I am writing on behalf of IBEW Local 48. We represent over 4000 workers in the electrical industry in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington and it is on their behalf that we seek support for this Veteran's health facility.

We have noted a lack of bills in this session focused on and creating jobs in Oregon. While this is somewhat understandable in a time of high employment and scarce resources, we maintain the importance of creating high paying job opportunities for every Oregonian. This bill does not require any financial support from the State, but will create many family wage jobs through the construction process. Not to mention the good jobs in perpetuity for the workers in the facility. Please support these workers and allow this facility to be built.

Sincerely,

Gary Young

Business Manager

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