



To: Co-Chair Johnson, Co-Chair Gomberg & Members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means
SubCommittee On Transportation and Economic Development

From: Nellie deVries, Building Owners & Managers Association of Oregon

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Re: Support to HB 3279A

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Oregon is a commercial real estate organization representing over 45 million square feet of commercial real estate in Oregon.

BOMA supports the HB 3279A as written, which requires property services contractor to register with Commissioner of Bureau of Labor and Industries. The bill requires the commissioner and Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt rules for property services contractors and farmworker camp operators to provide training to employees with respect to sexual harassment, discrimination and whistleblower protection.

BOMA participated in a workgroup with SEIU, Oregon Industries (AOI), NW Justice Project, Relay Resources (a QRF), Oregon Law Center, Oregon Rehabilitation Association (ORA), and PCUN agreed to an amendment in the House of Representatives.

BOMA does not support an amendment that would exempt janitorial firms from the bond obligation in the bill to secure any unpaid wages if the janitorial business can:

- Show proof of general insurance liability coverage AND
- Has not committed wage and labor violation in the preceding two years.

BOMA does not believe that people with disabilities are any less vulnerable to potential sexual assault by their supervisors. They deserve the same protections as all other employees.

BOMA supports a level playing field when it comes to hiring janitorial workers and competing for janitorial work.

Thank you for your consideration.