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Chair Beyer and members of the committee

The Northwest College of Construction (NWCOC) supports SB25. When the continuing education requirements for residential contractors were first implemented in 2011, it did not make good business sense for NWCOC to enroll as an approved provider and jump through the hoops of getting course content approved by the state. Instead, we limited our marketing efforts for continuing education to commercial contractors. SB25 removes the barriers that prevented some educators like the college from serving the residential contractor. Furthermore, as is the case for their commercial counterparts, SB25 will enable residential contractors to pursue a broader variety of continuing education offerings that are relevant to the operation of their business. So I would encourage the committee to look favorably upon the proposals put forward by the Construction Contractors Board in SB25.

The Northwest College of Construction is a privately funded, non-profit educational facility. The college provides apprenticeship training programs to over 400 students that are registered in nine construction crafts approved through the Oregon State Apprenticeship Training Council and overseen by the Bureau of Labor and Industries as well as by the Washington State Apprenticeship Training Council and overseen by the Washington Department of Labor and Industries. NWCOC is also licensed as a "Private Career School" through the Oregon Department of Education.

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