



*From the Desk of
Senator Kathleen Taylor*

June 8, 2017

Please Support House Bill 2162 B

Dear Oregon State Senators:

The organizations included on this letter urge the swift passage of HB 2162 B, which would provide apprenticeship standards on state funded projects. We feel the State of Oregon should continue its proactive approach of job creation, and active support for career opportunity for working Oregonians.

Striving to advance apprenticeship programs, and career opportunities creates nothing but positive gains for our great state, our communities, Oregon businesses, and our state's economic future. Preparing now for a future workforce shortage due to a pending wave of retirements in the next 5 years is a smart move, and should be acted upon soon. We need to invest in our future workforce and start training the future skilled crafts people now, as to allow for a seamless continuation of a well trained workforce who will continue building Oregon's infrastructure, schools, and other essential projects to our state, and its citizens.

Again, we urge the Oregon State Senate to preemptively address Oregon's future workforce shortages by investing in apprenticeship programs thereby ensuring our state's economic success moving in to the future. We urge you to support HB 2162 B and support apprenticeship utilization on state funded projects.

Thank you.