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Subject: Opposition to HB4127

To: The Honorable Chair Paul Holvey and Members of the House Business & Labor Committee,

I am writing to urge your strong opposition to HB 4127.

HB 4127 allows bidding of design services which is a major step backwards for Oregon taxpayers and our limited and inadequate funding for public works projects and it goes against the long standing Qualification Based

Selection (QBS) procurement methodology. QBS is supported by the American Public Works Association, the American Bar Association and many other organizations in the built environment.

HB 4127 threatens an efficient delivery of the 2017 transportation package. Oregon cannot afford another government debacle when spending taxpayer funds.

HB 4127 threatens billions of dollars in public infrastructure investment. This is a “stepping over dollars to pick up pennies” mentality.

HB 4127 allows all government entities in the state to use a bidding process that pits up to five firms against each other to guess at the project scope and appropriate fees to design the project. Getting five bids is a major waste of time, money and has the potential for delay, confusion and extra costs for all involved. And, by allowing two different procurement options, it is fair to assume that the vast majority of projects will be bid and possibly low bid.

Sincerely,

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