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**To:** SGGA Exhibits  
**Subject:** Transportation Consultant Opposed to HB 4127-A

Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability,

I am writing to urge your opposition to HB 4127-A. My engineering and transportation planning firm has 112 employees and has been in business in Oregon since 1991. I am personally vested in providing the best consulting services to the residents of Oregon at competitive prices. ***If passed, HB 4127 will prevent this from happening and, as a result, will hurt the State of Oregon and its taxpayers.***

HB 4127 allows bidding of design services. This process pits firms against each other to guess at the project scope and appropriate fees to design the project. The result will be selection of a firm that will likely not be the most qualified and whose work may lead to poor quality and costly change orders. Projects planned and designed through a bid process will likely be more costly to taxpayers in the end once we account for potential design amendments, design errors, and change orders.

Oregon's long-standing Qualification Based Selection (QBS) procurement methodology works. QBS is supported by the American Public Works Association, the American Bar Association and many other organizations in the built environment for a good reason: it makes sense.

I urge you to oppose this bill and instead work towards a resolution of the issues prior to the 2019 Legislative session. A workgroup is the best way for this to happen.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,  
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