



IBEW Local #932

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #932 represents electricians who live and work throughout the central and southern coast areas of Oregon— From the California border to Lincoln City.

IBEW 932 Support for BOLI Budget and New Positions

IBEW 932 represents electrical workers in the Southern Coastal Region of Oregon. We also have a Joint Apprenticeship Training Council (JATC) that is training our next generation of electricians. Our training center is located in Coos Bay, Oregon.

We support SB 5516 - BOLI's budget and request for additional staff resources, particularly in the Apprenticeship and Training Division, but also for agency wide supportive services. We work closely with BOLI in a number of areas, including wage and hour enforcement, prevailing wage law and in administering our apprenticeship program. **Over the years, we have watched BOLI's budget and staff resources get paired down or remain static while the state's population has continued to grow.** This doesn't seem right for Oregon's workforce and employers, who need to be able to access information about labor laws, apprenticeship programs, have their wage claims processed in a timelier manner and be able to get public record requests processed faster.

BOLI is an incredible resource for helping understand the law and ensuring compliance with the law, but needs adequate resources and staff to achieve its mission. For example, we currently work with a number of trade schools in our jurisdiction to recruit and train individuals to succeed in our apprenticeship program. BOLI provides critical technical support for these programs to help them provide the right training, gain accreditation and comply with industry standards. We rely on these programs for preparing individuals to succeed once they enter our programs

IBEW 932 supports the additional staff Commissioner Hoyle is requesting in BOLI's budget. Investing in BOLI's supportive services is long overdue and will be an asset to Oregon workers and employers alike.

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