



April 17, 2019

Senator Chuck Riley, Chair  
Senate Committee on Business & General Government  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2769A

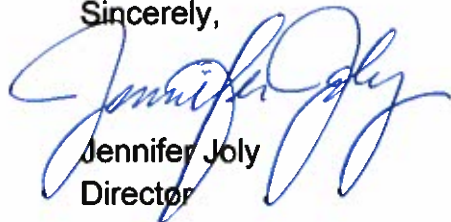
Dear Chair Riley and Members of the Senate Committee on Business & General Government:

The Oregon Municipal Electric Utilities Association (OMEU) appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2769A, relating to the consultant selection process for professional services. OMEU is made up of eleven municipally-owned and operated electric utilities.

OMEU participated in the Qualification-Based Selection (QBS) Workgroup that met over the interim to develop HB 2769A. We believe the legislation provides a common-sense option for public agencies contracting for architectural, engineering, photogrammetric mapping, transportation planning and land surveying services. Importantly, the bill levels the playing field for public agencies in the negotiation process by allowing price information to be requested of qualified consultants prior to opening negotiations.

The passage of HB 2769A will provide a more balanced contract negotiation process. OMEU urges your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Joly".

Jennifer Joly  
Director

1201 COURT ST. NE, SUITE 102 • SALEM, OREGON 97301 • (971) 600-6976 • E-MAIL: [jenniferjoly@omeu.org](mailto:jenniferjoly@omeu.org)

City of Ashland • City of Bandon • Canby Utility Board • City of Cascade Locks • City of Drain • Forest Grove Light & Power  
Hermiston Energy Services • McMinnville Water & Light • Milton-Freewater Light & Power • City of Monmouth • Springfield Utility Board