



Dear Senators:

The Oregon-Columbia, NECA, and our 100 represented electrical contractors employing over 6,000 skilled workers, respectfully request your affirmative vote for SB 5721—Construction Financing Package for University and Community College projects.

SB 5721 contains contracting standards that ensure the most responsible contractors have a level playing field in the bidding process. This language will go a long way to ensure public dollars are spent employing Oregon companies who not only employ Oregon workers, but also invest in their training, healthcare and retirement security.

Our Electrical Industry invests millions of dollars in privately funded training programs, privately funded healthcare and retirement trusts. The state doesn't put a dime into any of them, but for this system of privately financed benefit plans to work, we need to have projects and work hours that support living wages and benefits for all of our employees.

**In this time of need to support education and construction, we respectfully request your support and affirmative vote for SB 5721.**

Sincerely,



Executive Manager  
Oregon-Columbia, NECA