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Dear Co-Chairs Beyer and Gomberg and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter represents a broad cross-section of the commercial construction industry, including open shop and union, rural and metro, highway and building contractors. Most of our members are small, homegrown businesses.

We support the proposed budget for the Bureau of Labor and Industries in HB 5015. Our industry interacts closely with BOLI, given their oversight of prevailing wage law and labor laws. There are two particular areas of BOLI's budget that we'd like to speak to:

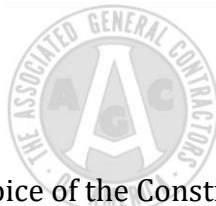
Retain current funding for technical assistance: BOLI's current technical assistance is critical to our members, especially those who are small businesses or doing prevailing wage work. For small businesses, BOLI's technical assistance helps contractors comply with various legal requirements for employers. Without this assistance, these small businesses would likely be required to hire an attorney to help them with compliance. For contractors engaged in prevailing wage work, BOLI's technical assistance helps contractors comply with the complicated regulations that come with performing public work.

Provide resources for Eastern Oregon Apprenticeship/Business TA Representative: We urge the addition of resources to retain the Eastern Oregon Apprenticeship and Business Technical Assistance Representative. This position is an important resource to have available for members of our industry in Eastern Oregon for technical assistance. Also, having this apprenticeship representative in Eastern Oregon can also help our members to grow their apprenticeship programs and help to increase the prevalence of apprenticeships in the more rural areas of our state.

It is for these reasons that we urge your support of HB 5015. We appreciate all the work BOLI does to help employers comply with the law and we urge continued funding to allow that assistance to continue. For additional information, please contact John Rakowitz (503) 317-1781 or Kirsten Adams (503) 990-2262.

Best Regards,

John Rakowitz & Kirsten Adams



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