

Testimony in Support of HB 5015

Laborers International Union of North America, Local 737
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Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Gomberg and Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Transportation & Economic Development:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 5015.

The Laborers International Union of North America, (LiUNA) Local 737 fully supports funding BOLI's request for HB 5015, and additional funding for positions that assist in Veterans' access to registered training programs and BOLI's outreach positions in rural Oregon.

LiUNA serves 3000 members throughout the state of Oregon and depends on BOLI to provide oversight on Civil Rights, Prevailed Wage Rates on construction projects, a trackable pathway to recover funds stolen through wage theft, oversight on apprenticeship standards and training, as well as, the tracking of qualified training programs.

We have witnessed the financial impacts on the working class, during the COVID-19 pandemic. BOLI's oversight is required to protect the many and diverse economic interests of Oregonians. HB 5015 would help to better ensure that BOLI is able to adequately respond and support enforcement and compliance, particularly with the recently passed worker protections and benefits over the last few years.

The Laborers Local 737 urge your support of HB 5015 and the additional request of funds, as outlined.

Sincerely,

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