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To: House Committee on Business and Labor; others

Re: I SUPPORT [HB 2374]... "Request for Proposals" and tight contracts with liquidated damages, yeah baby!

[HB 2374] exert states, "SECTION 1. The Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall study issues related to preferences in public contracting and present the results of the study in a report to an appropriate committee or interim committee of the Legislative Assembly in the manner provided under ORS 192.245 on or before September 15, 2022."

One would think the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) would have been performing this task since the first day of their inception as a governmental entity. Oh well, another Oregonian mystery.

I support the well established practices of competition in the contracting for services to benefit the taxpayers.

Well constructed "Requests for Proposals" proper postings, stringent reviews by professional staff, fair-well written contracts, and performance audits is a recipe for success.

This is not often done in Yamhill County and in certain Board of Commissioner decisions, Yamhill County has developed a reputation as being colloquially referred to as, "Scam-Hill County."

It is my hope and prayer, [HB 2374] will develop methodologies to increase accountability and ease transparency in all State of Oregon contracts for services.

***It is highly recommended, the "AUDITS DIVISION" be included, in every aspect of the construct of the methodologies to be finalized in [HB 2374].

***The "AUDITS DIVISION" should be separated from the Secretary of State and be allowed to stand alone.

Good Job Representative Nathanson!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David S. Wall

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