

**I STRONGLY OPPOSE**

This creates a monopoly. Currently, prevailing wage is set by what is called an independent wage survey that is done across 14 regions in Oregon. Washington adopted this bill a couple of years ago, and their government affairs director of Associated General Contractors pointed out that one contract representing less than 13% of the total operator hours in the region was able to dictate wages for the other 87%. The result of tying prevailing wages to the highest collective bargaining agreement in the region destroyed the concept of prevailing wages, because "prevailing" implies some sort of prevalence. If Oregon follows in Washington's footsteps, expect similar results.