

11 March 2023

House Committee on Business and Labor

Re: House Bill 3332

Dear Chair Representative Holvey, Vice-Chairs Representatives Elmer and Sosa, and members of the Committee;

I am opposed to HB 3332. The end result of stipulating that only USA made products can be used on certain public projects are likely to produce the same results as protectionist tariffs have on trade. Can there be any doubt to that end result?

What arguments have the sponsors of supporters of HB 3332 provided showing the long-term benefits to Oregon from HB 3332? Or will it be, later down the road, the legislature's time being taken up *revising* the effects of this bill?

Rule by expediency has a history and it is not a promising one, which means HB 3332 does not have a promising future. HB 3332 will not result in lower costs for projects affected. In fact the requirements of HB 3332 will most likely increase costs to the state which eventually translates into increased costs to taxpayers. This can be avoided by not passing HB 3332.

How are the provisions of this bill going to help Oregonians-at-large? Jobs? When everywhere we see and hear how difficult it is to obtain and keep employees? When the state continues to argue for more hand-outs? When Oregon is already one of the most expensive state's to live in.

House Bill 3332 is a bill whose time has not yet come. I urge the Committee to table this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Wisner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Wisner