

Submitter: Kevin Gee  
On Behalf Of: Oregonian Taxpayers  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure: SB1568

Sen. Boquist's vote explanation is very clear: "SB 1568 upon initial read looked to be a disconnect with Davis Bacon. Then looking at the map in testimony showing two areas led me to wonder is this statewide change? Upon reading testimony, it was clear this is a technical fix resulting in errors in SB 493 in 2021. I fully support the technical fix requested by IBEW but my initial read did not see the narrow technical fix they requested. It was not apparent in how Legislative Counsel wrote the text. LC does not defend laws in the Judiciary Branch. LC does not interpret laws for the Executive Branch. The Attorney General tells agencies what to do, defends agencies, and illegally defends the Legislative Branch in violation of the separation of power[s]. Thus, I looked in the OLIS bill file to see the BOLI testimony. There was none. I looked to see if the AG submitted testimony. There is none. Without the AG and BOLI agreeing in the legislative record, the bill accomplishes what IBEW is requesting [and] the outcome is very suspect. Unfortunately, we see these 'technical' mistakes routinely in bill drafts from Legislative Counsel. This session is awash of 'technical' fixes. Many fixes of which are created by the unregulated Attorney General overreach in both the legislative and judiciary branch. Again, without AG and BOLI concurrence in the official record that they agree, the bill accomplishes the intent desired by IBEW, given the wording, it may not in the end. I encourage the House and bill supporters to either get clearer iron-clad wording and/or get AG & BOLI on record in the House, that they concur with the intent of the fix desired. Waiting to see what the AG may or may not direct BOLI to do after passage is not an option. Clarity is needed in this Session."

Vehemently concur with Sen. Boquist. You're urged to vote 'NO' on Senate Bill 1568 at every stage until it fails, and oppose it until it dies.