

March 6, 2024

RE: Bureau of Labor and Industries Budget – SB 5701

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter represents a broad cross-section of the commercial construction industry, including open shop and union, rural and metro, highway and building contractors. Most of our members are small, homegrown businesses, doing business throughout Oregon.

We support the proposed budget asks for the Bureau of Labor and Industries in SB 5701. Our industry and membership interact closely with BOLI, given their oversight of prevailing wage law and labor laws. We appreciate the work that BOLI does to ensure the employers have the resources they need to navigate complicated employment regulations in Oregon. We also support the work BOLI does to ensure that both employers and employees receive the assistance they need in a variety of circumstances.

AGC supports BOLI's 2024 budget requests, in particular *providing funding to update BOLI's Case Management System*. Our members appreciate the opportunity to receive business assistance from BOLI, to help them comply with employment-related laws and rules. The modernization of the agency's outdated software would be a great tool for our members as they continue to navigate and comply with regulations, as well as be a tool for increasing the workforce in our industry. We appreciate BOLI coming forward with this ask, to improve what they are able to do for the employers and workforce in our state.

With this in mind, we urge your support of SB 5701. We appreciate all the work BOLI does to help employers comply with the law and we urge continued funding to allow that assistance to continue.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

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