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# A STRONG VOICE FOR OREGON'S WORKERS

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To: Chair Grayber, Vice-chairs Munoz and Elmer, Members of the Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards

FR: Tan Perkins, Oregon AFL-CIO

RE: Support HB 2688

Date: 03/27/2025

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Munoz and Elmer, and Members of the Committee, I'm writing in support of HB 2688.

My name is Tan Perkins with the Oregon AFL-CIO. We represent over 300,000 workers and their families and strive to be a voice for all workers in the legislative process. I am writing in support of HB 2688.

Traditional construction work is largely moving to offsite work as technology advances and shifts toward modularization. The work is still being done, and that work must meet the prevailing wage laws that reflect our Oregon values.

Research shows that Oregon's Prevailing Wage Rate Law has positive impacts on the Oregon economy. Prevailing wage helps to level the playing field, boosts investment in apprenticeship training programs, improves productivity and worksite safety, stabilizes construction costs, increases revenue, and boosts local economies. We should never discount the impact of a well trained and well compensated workforce and the effects it has on all of us.

Although there are many opinions around prevailing wage, there are multiple studies that show that prevailing wage laws are a net good. We must remember that these policies do not drive up costs or scare away businesses - in fact they ensure that jobs are completed on time and under cost.

Aligning our prevailing wage law to encapsulate offsite fabrication is exactly what Oregon values reflect. Moreover, the amendment has produced a much more narrow and specific policy that will ensure that there is true coverage for our workers who need it most.

We urge your support,

Tan Perkins, Oregon AFL-CIO



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