OREGON STATE BUILDING &
CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

February 4, 2026

Re: Support for HB 4027-01

Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Muñoz and Scharf, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Robert Camarillo, and I am the Executive Secretary of the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 4027-01.

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council (OSBCTC) is a statewide umbrella organization comprised of 31 member unions and 6 regional local councils, representing tens of thousands of Union skilled trades workers in a wide array of crafts across the state. OSBCTC's affiliates are leaders in the nation - establishing apprenticeship programs that continue to advance quality work and high performing trades workers. Together, we advocate for local jobs that provide family-sustaining wages, registered apprenticeship and training opportunities, and safe working conditions for the construction industry.

Our council strongly supports the critical work that the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) does to protect workers' rights, ensure fair compensation, and prevent employers from undercutting each other by paying lower wages or exploiting workers. As we see the increased need for skilled construction workers across our state, it has never been more important that the agency has secure, long term, and sustainable funding.

One of the funding mechanisms provided by HB 4027-01, creating the BOLI Worker Benefit Fund, helps to create the security the agency needs and it's important to note: this is an entirely separate fund from the existing Workers' Benefit Fund, leaving the workers compensation system untouched. This change will cost workers approximately $2 a year – a worthwhile investment to ensure that BOLI is able to enforce the laws that workers depend on for accessing justice for workplace civil rights violations and wage issues.

Additionally, the nominal shift in the Prevailing Wage fee cap will generate $1.5 million to sustain and fully fund the critical work of supporting Prevailing Wage laws, guaranteeing that ALL workers on public works projects are paid wages that reflect the local labor market standards, ensuring fairness in compensation. This is particularly important in the construction industry, where pay discrepancies can lead to a race to the bottom, driving wages down and potentially compromising the quality of work, and creating an uneven playing field where good contractors must compete against those that steal wages.

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In conclusion, the Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council strongly supports this bill, and we urge the committee to prioritize the funding needed to fully support BOLI's work.

This investment in Oregon's workforce will pay dividends for years to come, ensuring that our state's construction industry remains a source of opportunity and prosperity for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert Camarillo
Executive Secretary

Oregon Building Trades Affiliates

Boilermakers Local 242

Bricklayers Local 1

Cement Masons Local 555

Drywall Finishers Local 101

Elevator Constructors Local 23

Floor Coverers Local 1236

Glaziers Local 740

Heat and Frost Insulators Local 36

IBEW Local 112

IBEW Local 280

IBEW Local 48

IBEW Local 659

IBEW Local 932

Ironworkers Local 29

Ironworkers PNW District Council

Ironworkers Shop Local 516

Laborers Local 737

Laborers OR and S Idaho District Council

Office & Professional Employees Local 11

Operating Engineers Local 701

Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5

Painters Local 10

Plasterers Local 82

Roofers Local 49

Sheet Metal Workers Local 16

Sheet Metal Workers Local 55

Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 669

Teamsters Joint Council No. 37

Teamsters Local 162

UA Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters

UA Local 598 Plumbers & Pipefitters

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