



## Pendleton Building Construction Trades Council AFL-CIO

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The Honorable James Manning Jr.  
Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee  
on Transportation and Economic Development  
Oregon State Legislature  
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The Honorable David Gomberg  
Co-Chair, Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee  
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### **Subject: Support for Funding/Strategic Investment in BOLI 2019-21 Budget**

Co-Chairs Manning and Gomberg:

The Pendleton Building Trades Council (Eastern Oregon Building Trades), urges your support for BOLI's 2019-21 budget funding request.

We strongly offer our support for the agency's requested **investment for an Eastern Oregon Apprenticeship /Business Technical Assistance Representative**. This position will help take a pro-active approach in focusing on business needs and compliance, while also supporting apprenticeship coordination throughout Eastern Oregon. While this one-position will have a large geographic area to serve, we believe it is vitally important.

We also support the agency's funding request **to upgrade the agency website to ensure it meets customer needs** for access to information. As Oregonians that live far from Salem and Portland, we rely on state information to be readily accessible and up-to-date.

We understand resources, especially General Fund resources, are in ever increasing demand. It is important to ensure taxpayer funds are invested in programs and agencies that can maximize their effectiveness for good. Ensuring that BOLI's 2019-21 biennium budget is funded adequately would achieve this objective. **We encourage you to fund BOLI's budget request and targeted investment proposals outlined by Labor Commissioner Hoyle.**

Finally, we are supporting these funding requests because **we have confidence in Oregon's new labor commissioner**. Her vision for BOLI includes increased transparency and responsiveness, better and more proactive approaches to employers, and an agency that serves the entire state.

cc: The Honorable Betsy Johnson, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
The Honorable Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
The Honorable Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair, Joint Committee on Ways and Means