



From the desk of:
Representative Ricki Ruiz

Vote Yes on HB 2649
June 13, 2023

Members of the Oregon House of Representatives,

The Oregon State Building and Construction Trades Council is a statewide umbrella organization comprised of 31-member unions, representing tens of thousands of Union skilled trades workers across and around Oregon. The Council was formed in 1940 to bring together building-related trades to protect the welfare of workers and learn from one another and provide our members' voices here in the state legislature.

Today, we continue to work together to fight for local jobs that provide family-sustaining wages, hours, and safe working conditions. We also advocate for public and private investments to fund a broad array of infrastructure projects. By dedicating funding to roads and bridges, broadband, airports, energy infrastructure, and economic development opportunities in all communities across Oregon, we can create family-sustaining jobs, increase safety, and build ladders of opportunity for women and other underrepresented individuals that want careers in construction.

Expanding and further diversifying Oregon's skilled construction workforce is a top priority for us, as we know it is for all of you. HB 2649 supports our work by expanding apprenticeship requirements, creating a tracking system that will provide data policymakers need to make informed decisions, and creates penalties for contractors not meeting the requirements.

The Union members we represent, the apprentices who earn while they learn, and future apprentices stand ready to get to work. **Please vote yes on HB 2649.**

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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