

TO: Oregon State House Committee on Business and Labor

FR: Cody Muchow

RE: HB 2057

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Chairman Holvey, Vice-Chairs Elmer, Sosa, and Business and Labor Committee Members:

My name is Cody Muchow. I live in Wilsonville, Oregon. I am writing to you today about bill HB 2057 - wage theft protection act. I have not personally suffered from wage theft, but it is prevalent in our industry and affects every tradesperson.

Wage theft allows contractors to underbid, taking work away from contractors who bid responsibly. Wage theft has a rippling effect on not just those directly affected by it, but that responsible contractor who didn't get the bid now has to lay off workers due to no work. Not only do you have those workers who ended up not being paid, but those guys who lost out on the opportunity to work. This bill will help the contractors regulate themselves by holding them responsible for the poor hiring practices that have let things progress to the point that it is now smart business to hire unethical contractors.

Please vote yes for this bill, and help the state of Oregon's workers support themselves.

In solidarity,
Cody Muchow