

Please Vote YES on SB 1575-A

End unfair contracts harming Oregon's small, women and minority owned businesses who help our communities build public affordable housing and infrastructure projects. Join these organizations in supporting Senate Bill 1575-A to ensure contract fairness for engineers, architects and land surveyors:



Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
of Oregon



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A chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers





**Ending Unfair Contracts
Harming Minority Businesses
Will Aid Gov. Kotek's
Affordable Housing Goals**

“As a Hispanic woman who founded and owns a small engineering firm, I’m urging Oregon lawmakers to pass Senate Bill 1575, which will protect businesses like mine from state and local government’s unfair contract practices,” said Tina Adams, Professional Engineer and President of Casso Consulting, Inc., with 10 employees.

“The defense costs they may be compelled to pay would be directly tied to their liability or fault, if Senate Bill 1575 becomes law. That may sound like the way things already should be. But it’s not,” said The Bend Bulletin Editorial Board.



**Editorial: Contractors Should be
Liable Only for Their Own Fault**



**Unfair Contracting Will Thwart
Affordable Housing Investment**

“We want more public works projects, we want to employ more Oregonians, we want to help solve the state’s affordable housing shortage. But sadly, we must ask is it worth risking our livelihoods?” said Krey Younger, Vice President of Central Geotechnical, LLC, a service-disabled, veteran-owned engineering firm with 18 employees.

“This practice of including a ‘duty to defend’ clause in contracts for design professionals is neither equitable nor inclusive and does nothing to help our communities,” said Samuel Brooks, founder and chair emeritus of the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.



Duty to defend hurts design firms