

January 22, 2025

Chair Nancy Nathanson
Vice-Chair Werner Reschke
Vice-Chair Jules Walters
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
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Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and members of the House Revenue Committee,

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide feedback on HB 2084. We appreciate the intent of this bill to ensure better protection of public funds. Local governments support good governance and to be good partners and stewards of public monies.

We are still working to understand the impacts of the bill, but we have identified some areas of concern as it may affect the amount of time and expenses required during a procurement process as currently written. As an example, it's unclear what a periodic review would entail, the frequency, or what it means to "consult" with the Department of Revenue. What would it look like in practice to consult the "appropriate agency of local government" that the work will be performed in? How do we evaluate compliance before and periodically during a contract to potentially determine if terminating a contract is necessary? What will the verification process be? What happens if it is determined that a contractor is no longer in compliance after a contract has already been executed? Do we immediately terminate or is there a window of time to remedy? Will the Department of Revenue (DOR) be routinely reporting updates to us if they have them? Providing some clarity to the bill would be helpful to understand how it would be implemented and allow us to determine the impacts.

It's our desire to work with this committee on the bill's language to ensure we remain worthy protectors of public funds while avoiding additional burdens that could slow or add expenses to the procurement process.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you all on this bill.

Sincerely,





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