

January 25, 2025

AGC Testimony Re: HB 2084

Dear Chair Nathanson, Vice Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter represents a broad cross-section of the commercial construction industry, including open shop and union, rural and metro, highway and building contractors. Most of our members are small, homegrown businesses, doing business throughout Oregon.

We appreciate the intentions of this bill, and agree that companies throughout the state need to be in compliance with our state’s tax laws. However, we do have concerns with the possible implications of this bill on the public contracting process in Oregon.

Public contracting is a complex process that requires significant administrative work, both for the contractors and the agencies who are contracting out the work. Our concern is that adding further requirements to an already complicated process can lead to delays and additional costs in the process. Particularly for smaller contractors engaging in public works, adding additional requirements and administrative work to the already significant requirements could limit their ability to continue to compete on public contracts.

While we understand the intention behind the bill, we encourage the Committee to consider the other impacts that these proposed changes could have on the public contracting process as a whole. We have marked our testimony as neutral, given that from the hearing it appears that the bill will be worked on further or become a work group effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and I would appreciate the opportunity to work with the committee further on this bill.

Sincerely,

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