



January 24, 2025

TO: House Committee on Revenue

RE: Support for HB 2084

Members of the House Committee on Revenue;

We are representatives of the IBEW, Ironworkers, UA Plumbers and Steamfitters, Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors, Steel Erection, Reinforcing, and Miscellaneous Ironwork Contractors, and Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors, and are writing in strong support of HB 2084. We represent hundreds of contractors who work in Plumbing, Mechanical, HVAC, Ironwork, Electrical and Sheetmetal across Oregon, as well as thousands of working men and women who perform work on public projects.

We believe that when the State is investing money in a project, that public money should be paid to contractors who are operating in the best interest of their communities and their workforce, and are in compliance with law. Adding further clarification that those who seek public contracts are paying their taxes seems a common-sense way to ensure responsible stewardship of public funds and will help keep bad actors out of the bidding process.

House bill 2084's requirement that agencies verify compliance with the Department of Revenue is a simple addition that will enforce laws on the books. While it seems there may be continued work on this bill and concept, we greatly appreciate the attention to this issue, and hope to serve as a resource wherever is helpful.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this bill, and we urge support for continuing to protect public investments.