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Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on General Government
Oregon State Legislature
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Subject: Support for SB 5509 and SB 5510

Licensed contractors in Oregon support SB 5509 and SB 5510, the Construction Contractors Board budget and fee ratification bills. We appreciate CCB's ongoing efforts to improve customer service, update their technology, and ensure a level playing field for businesses operating in Oregon. We understand the agency must maintain adequate funding to provide consumer and contractor services. Efficient and timely processing of license applications, renewals, and contractor education is important for the success of our industry. CCB must also have the resources to ensure consumers are protected, consumer complaints proceed timely, and when appropriate, take steps to hold bad actors accountable.

Although no business or individual ever wants to pay more, we understand cost adjustments are necessary from time to time. We understand CCB has not increased rates since 2011.

We appreciate CCB's work with industry in the interim to determine whether periodic increases would be better than larger increases on a less frequent rate. Those discussions have been productive and are ongoing with the management team at CCB. It is also important that the Legislature aggressively ensure the money spent by contractors is used for the benefit of consumers and contractors, and to avoid using dedicated funds to subsidize other government functions not related to construction.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment and the transparent communication from the agency.

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