



WESTERN STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

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- 360 So. Puget Sound, WA
- 425 No. Puget Sound, WA
- 503 Portland, OR
- 541 Eugene, OR
- 555 Colorado
- 562 Long Beach, CA
- 619 San Diego, CA
- 635 Boise, ID
- 661 Sylmar, CA
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- 721 Whittier, CA
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- 805 Camarillo, CA
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- 951 Riverside, CA
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- 1136 Kettle Falls, WA
- 1243 Fairbanks, AK
- 1281 Anchorage, AK
- 1319 New Mexico
- 1607 Millwrights
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- 2851 La Grande, OR
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February 20, 2025

Senator Aaron Woods, Co-Chair
Representative David Gomberg, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for a fully funded BOLI, HB 5015

Dear Co-Chairs Woods and Gomberg and members of the subcommittee,


I am writing on behalf of the Western States Regional Council of Carpenters (WSRCC), which proudly represents over 10,000 hardworking tradespeople across Oregon, to express our strong **SUPPORT** for HB 5015, an important bill aimed at fully funding the Bureau of Labor and Industries.

Our members are the backbone of Oregon’s construction industry. They work hard to support their families, contribute to the economy, and build stronger communities. But without a fully funded enforcement agency, their rights—and all they contribute—are at risk.

Decades of disinvestment have left BOLI with fewer staff today than in the 1980s, despite Oregon’s growing workforce. This staffing shortage leads to unacceptable delays in investigating claims, allowing wage theft and discrimination to persist unchecked. At a time of uncertainty at the federal level, Oregon must prioritize strong state enforcement of worker protections.

When BOLI is stretched too thin, the message is clear: worker protection is not a priority, allowing bad actors to exploit workers without consequence. We cannot let this continue. Without proper enforcement, labor protection laws are just words on paper.

BOLI needs full funding to ensure these protections have real power. No worker should wait months for justice. The WSRCC and our 10,000+ members strongly urge you to invest in BOLI so it can uphold the rights of workers across the state.

Sincerely,

John Hanna
Director of Political and Government Affairs