



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Dear Chair Grayber, Vice-Chairs Elmer and Muñoz,

My name is Willy Chotzen, and I am the State Representative for House District 46, encompassing much of Southeast Portland. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB 2688.

On Monday, you heard from a range of industry experts discussing the merits of this bill. I would like to provide additional insight into the opportunities this legislation presents for Oregon. Our state's prevailing wage law is clear—workers contributing to public works projects must be fairly compensated with a prevailing wage.

Advancements in construction technology have transformed the industry, shifting certain projects from on-site to off-site fabrication. These innovations have made projects more efficient. Just as industries evolve for greater efficiency, the State of Oregon must also adapt—and that is precisely what HB 2688 seeks to accomplish.

By ensuring that off-site fabrication work is covered under prevailing wage laws, we not only uphold fair labor standards but also create stronger economic conditions for all. Higher wages for workers do more than just support families – they enhance project efficiency by attracting and retaining a skilled workforce, reducing turnover, and improving job site productivity.

I urge your support for HB 2688 to ensure that Oregon's labor policies reflect the realities of modern construction and our continued commitment to an economy that works for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Representative Willy Chotzen

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