



February 20, 2025

Dear Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Smith and members of the committee.

For the record, my name is Nate McCoy I'm the NAMC-Oregon the National Association of Minority Contractors or NAMC. I'm testifying in support of the Department of Administrative Services' budget.

NAMC is committed to initiatives that create sustainable economic and environmental benefits for our communities. We strongly urge Oregon's congressional delegation to support this funding, ensuring that the COR Campus Development Project reaches its full potential in advancing environmental stewardship, workforce opportunities, and circular economy principles.

I'm testifying particularly on the DAS disparity study. First, I'd like to commend the agency for engaging in the study. More government agencies, state and otherwise, should do so.

And as you may know, the study concluded that Oregon is not doing well on minority and woman contracting. The study found that just 10.9 percent of state business went to businesses owned by people of color and women, despite those businesses making up 33.9% of market availability.

Oregon can and must do better. The more firms we have competing with the better for the state and for the state's budget.

We would encourage the legislature to underline minority and woman business contracting as a priority. NAMC stands ready to help and be a constructive partner in this endeavor.

Thank you for your leadership and consideration. We look forward to your support in making this important project a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate McCoy". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Nate McCoy
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