



March 11, 2025

RE: Written Testimony on SB 904

Dear Chair Taylor, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee:

Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter represents a broad cross-section of the commercial construction industry, including open shop and union, rural and metro, highway and building contractors. Most of our members are small, homegrown businesses, working throughout Oregon and SW Washington. Safety and workers' compensation are crucial for the construction industry.

OBI is a statewide association representing businesses from a wide variety of industries and from each of Oregon's 36 counties. In addition to being the statewide chamber of commerce, OBI is the state affiliate for the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Retail Federation. Our 1,600 member companies, more than 80% of which are small businesses, employ more than 250,000 Oregonians. Oregon's private sector businesses help drive a healthy, prosperous economy for the benefit of everyone.

AGC and OBI both care deeply about the health of the workers' compensation program in Oregon. SB 904 brings up an important issue that warrants discussion at the Management-Labor Advisory Committee. We appreciate the proponents of the bill for presenting to MLAC and working with stakeholders.

We thank the Chair and committee for their commitment to the MLAC process and allowing the conversation to continue there before moving the bill forward.

Sincerely,

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