



Chair Taylor, Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Home Builders Association is pleased to support SB 1061, which establishes a lumber grading training program through the Oregon State University Extension Service. This initiative presents a unique educational opportunity that will benefit the trade industry, give opportunity to rural communities, and promote homeownership in Oregon.

By providing essential training in lumber grading, this program will cultivate a skilled workforce, in a unique trade. A well-trained workforce ensures that homes are built with the highest quality materials, fostering greater confidence in homeownership. As families gain access to better-built homes, we pave the way for more Oregonians to realize their dream of owning a home.

In summary, SB 1061 is a vital step toward strengthening our trade industry, supporting rural communities, and expanding homeownership opportunities. We urge the committee to support this important legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.