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Re: Support of HB 2688 and the -3 Amendment

Chair Grayber, Vice-chairs Elmer and Munoz, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Dan Hutzenbiler, and I am a licensed attorney who represents building and construction trades union clients across the Pacific Northwest. I have been doing this work for almost twenty years and am very familiar with the prevailing wage laws in Oregon and Washington, especially how they relate to craft jurisdiction. I currently represent clients who perform all classifications of work listed in (i) through (viii) of the -3 amendment.

I am writing now in support of the -3 amendment to HB 2688, as I feel it is an elegant approach to ensuring that the guiding principle of Oregon's prevailing wage laws – that contractors compete on their ability to effectively perform work while upholding community-established compensation standards – remains our lodestar in the face of changing technology and construction practices. The -3 amendment ensures that there is no need to revisit the existing definitions of covered occupations and that there is no need to perform costly surveys to establish new rates and occupations. The existing definitions and rates will cover any additional covered work.

My clients and their signatory contractors have fully embraced modularization and off-site fabrication and are leading the way internationally in innovative construction technology and training. The -3 amendment helps ensure that they can continue to innovate and compete on their ability to perform the work more safely, quickly, and efficiently, instead of on someone else's ability to compromise established labor standards. The research clearly shows that

prevailing wage laws are a net economic benefit to workers, employers, and public agencies, all at no increase in project cost.

Very Truly Yours,



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