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To: Oregon House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards

RE: Support for HB 2688 -3

Chair Grayber and Members of the Committee:

UA Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters and Plumbing and Mechanical Contractor's Association are writing in strong support of House Bill 2688 and the -3 amendment. We represent thousands of working men and women in the industry and hundreds of contractors across Oregon.

House Bill 2688 ensures that the scopes of work done for Offsite Fabrication are covered by prevailing wage. Offsite Fabrication for construction has been used for years, and provides a more efficient, safe, and controlled environment for these parts of a project. Our industry has seen benefits to project costs, timing, and training through offsite fabrication, and it continues to expand with evolving technology.

However we must ensure that a hole in prevailing wage does not allow this sector of our industry to be a loophole some use to avoid paying industry wages for their workforce. Without a standard for the workers on these sites we see contractors who do not want to pay the industry wage move as much work as possible offsite, allowing them to pay below the State's prevailing wage.

HB 2688 fixes this, and ensures that there is a fair, consistent standard for workers, and the contractors who are invested in their employees and the training of Oregon's workforce.

We strongly urge your support of HB 2688 and the -3 amendment.