



Re: Support for HB 2184

Co-Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation:

Ironworkers Local 29 represents more than 1,600 skilled journey workers and registered apprentices across Oregon and Southwest Washington and we are pleased to express our support for HB 2184.

For the Ironworkers across the United States and Canada, we understand first-hand the critical state of many of Oregon's bridges. Our local was founded with bridge work as a main focus and our members have played an instrumental role in historic bridge projects in the state, including the Astoria-Megler Bridge and St. Johns Bridge. We hope to continue to put our members and registered apprentices to work on upcoming projects, such as the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Replacement.

The Ironworkers Local 29 are proud to express our support for the Hood River White Salmon Bridge Replacement Project through HB 2184. Washington State has already committed \$75 million to the project with bipartisan support. The Building Trades have had pre-project conversations with the Port of Hood River and the Bridge Authority around employing apprenticeships, providing healthcare and retirement benefits to its workers. Our members are committed to building and maintaining the critical infrastructure that makes our communities accessible, safe and resilient.

HB 2184 would appropriate \$105 million - Oregon's remaining share - to the Hood River Bridge Replacement Project to ensure that we can have a safe, sustainable and multimodal bridge for the next generation.

Thank you,

Lorne Bulling  
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