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## **VOTE YES ON SB 1501 B**

The Oregon Building Trades is a statewide umbrella organization comprised of 31-member unions, representing tens of thousands of skilled trades workers across and around Oregon. The Council was formed in 1940 to bring together building-related trades to protect the welfare of workers, learn from one another, and amplify our members' voices here in the state legislature.

The Portland Trail Blazers are committed to ensuring investment in the Moda Center directly benefits Oregonians from the beginning; by signing a Letter of Commitment with us, the project is certain to create family-sustaining jobs and careers for Oregon's skilled trades workers.

Passing SB 1501 is the first, necessary, step toward delivering on that commitment.

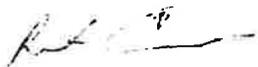
This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity. The project will be ready to break ground in 2027, putting thousands of Oregonians to work immediately. It will create pathways into the skilled trades by prioritizing hiring provisions from all over the state. State-registered apprenticeship programs are a proven mechanism to continue diversifying our construction workforce, but they need the prospect of future jobs to bring people off ever-growing out-of-work lists.

The Moda Center is already a LEED Platinum-certified arena. This renovation project can further demonstrate how Oregon is a national leader in energy efficiency, water conservation, and climate resilience – while supporting high-road construction careers.

This is more than basketball or entertainment. This is an investment in job creation, workforce development, working families, and the entire Oregon economy.

On behalf of the tens of thousands of skilled trades workers and households across the state that we represent, **I urge your support for SB 1501.**

Sincerely,



**Robert Camarillo**  
Executive Secretary