



**Andrew Hoan – Portland Metro Chamber
Ways & Means Capital Construction Subcommittee
Testimony in Support of Williams & Russell Business Hub
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I'm Andrew Hoan, CEO of the Portland Metro Chamber, and **I urge your support for the Williams & Russell Business Hub** on the historic Hill Block in Portland's Albina neighborhood.

Our chamber has over 2,200 members from 27 counties representing almost every industry sector, and more than 80% of our members are small businesses.

The Williams & Russell Business Hub is a key priority on the Chamber's legislative action plan this session because the project will spur economic growth that benefits all Oregonians.

The cross-laminated timber Business Hub will have affordable office and retail space for small businesses, community event space, and business-support organizations providing technical assistance to entrepreneurs in Portland and across Oregon.

Importantly, the Business Hub during construction will create 205 jobs, 19 million dollars in labor income, and 46 million dollars in economic output.

Annual operations will create 145 permanent jobs, 14 million dollars in labor income, and 27 million dollars in economic output.

Your investment in the Business Hub will anchor an economic renaissance at the Hill Block leading to new businesses, new jobs, and increased public revenue.