



To: Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

The Oregon Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers (LIUNA) is a regional federation that actively supports and helps to coordinate strategic activities between several local unions throughout the region, including LIUNA Local 737 and Local 483, each located in Oregon. Local 737 represents several thousand Construction Craft Laborers, who perform skilled work on a wide variety of construction projects throughout the region: including commercial buildings and critical public infrastructure. Members also perform important environmental remediation work that helps keep communities safe by removing asbestos and other hazardous waste materials from existing structures.

LIUNA offers these comments neutral of HB 4102 but support the proposed -1 amendment, as it aims to further ensure responsible contractor standards by:

- Creating important guardrails for how DEQ contracts with third party vendors, which includes but is not limited to asking vendors to demonstrate history of compliance with DEQ regulations.
- Further requires entities seeking an expedited process to submit an attention to commit to responsible contracting and job creation for Oregonians via a “skilled and training” workforce requirement or community benefit agreement with community and Labor as part of the application process.

What does responsible contracting (skilled and trained + CBA) ensure?

- Commits construction contractors on applicable projects to hire skilled craft Oregon workers and ensure training opportunities for Oregonians with an apprenticeship requirement
- Prevailing wages
- Family healthcare and retirement

We believe a shared prosperity agenda, including HB 4102, should ensure public agencies avoid privatization and reasonably balance industry interests with those of workers and frontline communities.

LIUNA encourages your support for HB 4102 with the -1 amendment.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.