



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 18, 2019

Chief Clerk Tim Sekerak
Oregon House of Representatives
900 Court St. NE, Room H-271
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Vote Explanation for HB 2408

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Enterprise zones are created to encourage economic investments in certain areas of the state. In return for getting tax benefits, I believe that it is reasonable for us to require that contractors who utilize enterprise zones must adhere to certain standards, including paying their workers prevailing wages. Any potential increased expenses that this change may cause could be offset by more efficient, professional workers that come with fair-paying jobs. I believe the local economy will benefit from the combination of economic investment, development, and prevailing wages that this bill encourages. We must ensure that we are spending public money in ways that support Oregon's values of strong labor protections and fair wages.

Sincerely,

Representative Courtney Neron

