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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 24



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 23, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 3031 – (A)

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 3031 – (A).

I am not against the idea of this bill, however I was a “no” vote because an agreement couldn't be reached with the unions on making this a fair process for HVAC businesses to do the work. Specifically, I am opposed to the training agent requirement. While I strongly support apprenticeship and workforce development I cannot support a requirement like the one in Section 5(1)(a) which has the impact of cutting out smaller, rural contractors from being able to compete on these projects. For those in more rural areas, it is difficult to become training agents. By requiring contractors to be training agents for these contracts, it will be difficult (if not impossible) for the contractors in rural areas to bid on projects in their own backyards.

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lucetta Elmer".

Lucetta Elmer

Oregon State Representative

District 24