



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 14, 2023

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

RE: Vote Explanation – HB 3332B

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this explanation of my NAY vote on HB 3332B. As a voting member in the House Committee on Business and Labor, I supported this bill to be referred to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means as I am a strong supporter of manufacturing being produced in America – specifically iron and steel as stated in HB 3332B.

However, I do have concerns with the unintended consequences of this legislation regarding the potential increase in cost in procurement for the state. Additionally, considering only two percent of iron is mined in the United States, there is concern for the supply of product. Lastly, the Joint Committee on Ways and Means questioned the necessity of this legislation as public works projects already follows the requirements listed in HB 3332B. When the committee asked Legislative Counsel (LC) to clarify the potential duplicity of this legislation, LC did not know if the process was already in statute.

I opposed HB 3332B due to the above reasons and believe this legislation should be further vetted.

Sincerely,

Anna Scharf  
State Representative – HD 23