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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

May 13, 2025

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

RE: Vote Explanation on SB 1176

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

I write to explain my "No" vote on SB 1176.

SB 1176 contains a fiscal impact statement stating that BOLI estimates the measure will add 1,530 hours of work or 0.50 FTE and that, while the measure does increase BOLI's workload, the bureau can absorb these costs at this time.

Yesterday I met with the BOLI Commissioner who indicated that they have a backlog of thousands of wage claims to process.

Last summer I asked BOLI to come investigate some likely labor violations in my district and they said they didn't enough staff to send someone out to investigate.

Repeatedly this session we have heard that work force labor boards are needed because BOLI is understaffed and underfunded.

Note that I also support increased funding for BOLI.

Given all that, I am skeptical that SB 1176 does not need to go to Ways & Means for funding to assist BOLI to complete the work. Therefore, I am a "No" vote on SB 1176.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Diehl", followed by a horizontal line.

Ed Diehl  
Representative  
House District 17