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## **Oregon Senate Supports Use of Apprenticeships in Public Projects with Passage of Bipartisan Bill**

*SB 119 requires state contracting agencies to study use of apprenticeships in public improvement and public works projects and produce a report by Fall 2024.*

**SALEM, Ore** - Today, Democrats and Republicans in the Oregon Senate secured a victory for skilled labor in Oregon by passing [Senate Bill 119](#), which will study and promote the use of apprenticeships in public projects. Chief sponsor of SB 119, **Senator Chris Gorsek (D-Troutdale)**, released the following statement in response:

“Apprenticeships are crucial to building a strong, skilled workforce here in Oregon. They help people get good-paying jobs, without spending thousands on a college degree. Public improvement and public works projects, funded by taxpayers, can and should do more to benefit Oregonians: working apprenticeships into our programming is just common sense.”

SB 119 now heads to the Oregon House of Representatives for consideration.

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