

## Vote NO on HB 4127 No Bidding of Design Services

February 9, 2018

The Honorable Chair Paul Holvey and members of the House Business and Labor Committee,

I am writing to urge your strong opposition to HB 4127.

HB 4127 allows bidding of design services which is a major step backwards for Oregon taxpayers and our limited and inadequate funding for public works projects and it goes against the long standing Qualification Based Selection (QBS) procurement methodology. QBS is supported by the American Public Works Association, the American Bar Association and many other organizations in the built environment.

HB 4127 threatens an efficient delivery of the public works projects. By introducing this bidding process it creates an ambiguous situation which each professional entity must guess at the project scope and try to provide appropriate fees. It will create more work and costs for both the consultant and the agency which ultimately gets passed on to the taxpayer.

I support ACEC Oregon's request which asks the House Business Committee and the legislative leadership to appoint a task force on the issue where all sides can discuss the issue in a setting that will lead to a much better understanding of what the current law allows and then possible legislation or other solutions for the 2019 legislative session.

Regards,  
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