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TESTIMONY OF DELEGATE PAM QUEEN
HB 513 – Investor-owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage - Enforcement
SUPPORT

Greetings Chair Melony Griffith, Vice-Chair Katherine Klausmeier, and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

HB 513 clarifies enacted law that contractors hired by investor utilities to pay prevailing wage on certain underground utility work.

Unfortunately, there is either confusion or non-cooperation from some parties. So, the goal which this bill achieves will ensure that all utility contractors pay the appropriate prevailing wage for this underground utility work.

We have worked with the Department of Labor, the Public Service Commission, the Utility Companies, and Labor Union to finalize this bill's language.

I seek a favorable recommendation for HB 513 to pass out of the Senate Finance Committee and the entire Senate Chamber.