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The Oregon and S. Idaho District Council of Laborers wishes to express our concern with the request for Revision of Occupational Definitions for Power Equipment Operator Group 2 sub classification of Party chief.

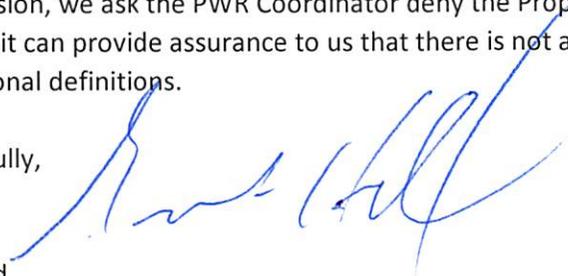
Our specific concern relates to the existing BOLI recognized Laborers Occupational Definitions of Stake setter, Grade setter and Rodman (survey crew) and Grade Checker as Laborers Group 1 and Group 2 respectfully. We would like the opportunity to review a much clearer and specific description of the tasks in the IUOE's sub classification of Party Chief, to clarify that it's not already covered under the Laborers definitions.

The IUOE Local 701's argument is that survey crews are shrinking in size due to technological advancement and the managerial piece of the Party Chief's job is lessening, meaning that the job entails more hands on "manual" work. This "manual" work, as discussed in different points of Local 701's request, is often part of the Laborers occupational definition. If the Party Chief is now doing more of this hands on work, they must at times be a Laborer and may need to be identified as such.

In review of the IUOE's request and supporting documentation it cited BOLI's recognition of Chainman/stake setter and Rod person as Laborer Group 2 and Group 1 and added that those tasks are normally associated with pipe and sewer work which is an incomplete description of our work. The IUOE also cites the WHD recognition of survey crew members as laborers.

In conclusion, we ask the PWR Coordinator deny the Proposed Revision as submitted by the IUOE Local 701 until it can provide assurance to us that there is not a potential conflict with the Laborers existing occupational definitions.

Respectfully,


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