

International Association of
BRIDGE, STRUCTURAL, ORNAMENTAL
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Mrs. Lois Johnson
Compliance Manager
Wage & Hour Division
Bureau of Labor and Industries
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Tel: 971.673.0830

Re: Our Position on the Request for Revision to Laborers Classification

Dear Mrs. Johnson,

Iron Workers Local No. 29 of the International Association of Bridge, Structural, and Ornamental & Reinforcing Iron Workers represent journeypersons and apprentices throughout the state of Oregon and six counties in Southwest Washington. Our apprenticeship program provides extensive training and instruction to all our members ensuring they are well trained and qualified to perform all aspects of the ironworking trade.

As an interested party, Iron Workers Local No. 29 is writing to tell you that we are very concerned with the recent request submitted by the Oregon Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers to revise the Oregon Definitions for Covered Occupations, dated July 1, 2014. We are writing you today to urge you to oppose this request until further clarification is made.

We find many of the revisions to be far-reaching, vague, and some requests are identical to many of the duties and definitions of the Iron Workers. For example:

- Fence Builder
- Precast Concrete Setter
- Rigger/Bellman
- Welder
- Fire watch

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Therefore, we are asking that the agency please notify us of all future hearings, discussions, decisions, and correspondences regarding this subject.

Again, the Iron Workers are also in opposition of this unwarranted request by the Laborers organization.

Thank you very much for your time, and we look forward to fully participating in the process.

Sincerely,

Shane Nehls
President/Business Agent
Iron Workers Local No. 29