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Good Morning, Senator Curry, Representative Roberts, and members of the Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business Committee. My name is Bob Graham and I am a member of the International Union of Elevator Constructors Local 4. I testify in support of LD1168.

I am in support of this bill for numerous reasons, first and foremost the safety of the riding public and my brothers and sisters that work on this equipment daily. With new equipment and technology being presented constantly, I feel that having people who manufacture, install, work on and inspect this equipment are an asset to the riding public's safety. We have these boards in other parts of the country, and they work effectively to protect the safety of the public as well as the men and women working on the equipment.

Also, not having an Operating Engineer run the outside hoists is detrimental to the safety of all using the equipment. The Operating Engineer knows the equipment and can detect any noises or faulty equipment and can stop operating the hoist until it can be repaired by a licensed Elevator Mechanic and made safe before returning it to operation. This in turn prevents accidents and damage to equipment.

Having worked on elevators for 20 plus years, I know the benefits of having a board protecting myself and other mechanics from the dangers that we face daily as well as looking out for the riding public's safety.

I hope you will support LD1168.

Thank you for your time

Bob Graham

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