

Senate Bill 582-1

Oregon State Senate Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development

As key stakeholders of the state's building permitting and inspection program, we want to provide you our support for Senate Bill (SB) 582 as amended. We strongly support SB 582 because it would improve building regulation and support job creation, particularly in rural Oregon.

SB 582-1 provides new tools for state and local building inspections to assist owner/builders obtain regulatory approval for construction projects in a timely and flexible manner.

SB 582-1 sets policy direction to make sure the unique aspects of Oregon are addressed when adopting statewide building codes.

Additionally, SB 582-1 clarifies decision making between two state agency's regulations (Building Codes and Fire Codes); avoids costly delays and unnecessary rework.

The ability for a local inspector to provide greater customer assistance during plan review and making typical drawings available reduces costs and minimizes delays during the permitting process.

The bill, as amended, streamlines the Oregon building inspection process, provides consistency, and will greatly benefit Oregon's economy by providing flexibility and timeliness with building inspection and plan review of projects in rural and remote areas of the state.

We respectfully ask you to support SB 582. Passage of this bill will provide an efficient, cost effective, and responsive building regulation system for the Oregon business community.

Thank you,



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