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## Legislative findings – HB 2950 (2009)

The Legislative Assembly finds and declares that:

(1) The use of a consensus-based expedited review system for the uniform statewide adoption, implementation, application and enforcement of certain state building code requirements to promote energy efficiency and energy conservation will facilitate and expedite compliance with those state building code requirements by providing a comprehensive source for interpretation of requirements that integrate elements affecting a variety of specialty codes.

(2) The establishment of a Construction Industry Energy Board as an advisory board to the Department of Consumer and Business Services is an appropriate means for furthering the goal of facilitating and expediting state building code compliance related to energy efficiency and energy conservation.

(3) The creation of a Construction Industry Energy Board will improve state building code compliance with regard to energy efficiency and energy use standards by creating an additional body empowered to enforce those standards.

(4) The reorganization of certain existing advisory boards and the realignment of code enforcement responsibilities will enable the Department of Consumer and Business Services to more effectively ensure compliance with state building code specialty codes by increasing the focus of appropriate technical expertise, making the advisory boards more responsive to inquiries regarding code requirements and streamlining code enforcement responsibilities. [2009 c.567 §1]



## House Bill 2005

Oregon House of Representatives

As key stakeholders of the state's building permitting and inspection program, we want to provide you our support for House Bill 2005 as **amended**.

We support HB 2005 as amended because it:

- Supports our desire to ensure contractors are at the table when building energy issues are discussed.
- Adds the voice of the plumbing and mechanical industry to the Construction Industry Energy Board. With this bill, the concept of having the people at the table impacted by the building code regulations is strengthened.
- Improves the current consensus-based approach. This bill does not change regulation; it simply gets more industry representatives at the table to discuss energy issues.

Contractors want to be included in building energy decisions that impact them, and this board, established in 2009, is the place where these discussions should occur.

We respectfully ask that you support the Construction Industry Energy Board and HB 2005 as amended.

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