

United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters

From the clock of

Representative Brian Clem

Senate Bill 582A

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

SB 582A provides new tools to assist owner/builders obtain regulatory approval for construction projects in a timely and flexible manner.

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

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

This bill provides greater customer assistance by making typical drawings available to reduce 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. This bill does not request additional staffing or budget limitation.

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

We appreciate the committee's efforts to improve the efficiency of the construction regulatory process by considering this vital legislation.

Thank you,



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