

Sheet Metal Workers

– Local 16

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SB 133 - Electronic Building Permits

The Construction Industry Policy Advisory Committee (CIPAC) represents construction trades, builders and other contractors, cities, counties, and related associations. CIPAC works with BCD on statewide construction policy.

Beginning in 2003, BCD worked with local government, contractors and the legislature to implement a pilot electronic or "E-permitting" building permit system. Legislation was passed in 2005 and 2007 moving the program from a pilot, to a regional, then statewide service to contractors and local government. The program continues to operate successfully across the state, with more city and county jurisdictions joining each year.

The 2007 legislation included a sunset in order to allow the program to be evaluated, and then renewed if successful. CIPAC believes the e-permitting program has been very successful.

CIPAC supports SB 133 to remove the sunset, reauthorize the program and make E-permitting available to additional local governments that provide construction-related services.

E-permitting fast facts:

- Reauthorization requires no fee increase, no staff increase, or budget adjustments over current service level budget for the Building Codes Division
- E-permitting is currently being used by 54 city and county jurisdictions
- E-permitting services are provided through a proven commercial software product developed, hosted and maintained by Accela Automation, a worldwide company
- E-permitting allows contractors to apply, pay and receive building permit approvals online 24/7
- Communities can choose the level of participation and can enhance services working directly through Accela and the Building Codes Division

CIPAC encourages your approval of this important bill.







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