

Sheet Metal Contractors Association



Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association



Sheet Metal Workers Local #16



Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers

- IBEW 48
- IBEW 89
- IBEW 112
- IBEW 125
- IBEW 280
- IBEW 659
- IBEW 932



UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #290 February 20, 2018

Chair Taylor and Members of the Senate Workforce Committee:

## **RE: Support for HB 4012**

On behalf of OSAEW, SMART Local 16, SMACNA, UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290 and PMCA, we urge your support for HB 4012, extending the sunset to allow retired CTE teachers to continue working over the 1039 hour PERS limit.

As members of the building trades, we see first-hand the need for CTE programs that expose students to different career paths and opportunities. The recent passage of Measure 98 and the strong push to reinvest in CTE programs in our schools has shown that statewide, Oregonians and elected officials agree.

After years of disinvestment, the bench of qualified CTE teachers has diminished and the majority are at or nearing retirement age. This bill would allow time to bridge that gap while we recruit and develop the next generation of CTE teachers.

We urge your support of HB 4012 to allow the current generation of students access to CTE education programs with highly qualified teachers.

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