

Statement in Support of SB 935

The Oregon Landscape Contractors Association (OLCA) supports SB 935 which places the Modified Limited License that the Oregon Landscape Contractors Board (LCB) recently adopted into statute. We appreciate LCB's efforts to address concerns raised several years ago by the Oregon Legislature and the Governor's Office regarding the landscape contractors' licensure and examination programs and believe that the newly approved Limited Modified License fulfills those objectives.

OLCA has historically endorsed the basic licensure, qualification and examination requirements for landscape contractors to ensure some level of minimum competency, professional standards and consumer protection. However, after much deliberation, the association decided it would support the Modified Limited License proposal as it provides a licensure program for a broader base of individuals interested in landscape work and a regulatory process for consumer protection related to this work.

SB 935 proposes two changes to the current program:

- Modifying the Scope of Work provisions to allow irrigation work of up to four zones and a maximum of 12 gallons per minute.
- Preserving this as a professional development and licensure program for the landscape construction industry by precluding general contractors from licensure.

OLCA supports these changes and requests passage of SB 935.