



January 25, 2023

Oregon House Committee on Education  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Courtney Neron, Ranking Member, and Members of the Oregon House Committee on Education,

I represent the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning, and Restoration Certification (IICRC), the leading certification and standard-setting body for the inspection, cleaning, and restoration industries. I am writing today regarding HB 2257 and ask that you support and vote “YES” for this legislation. This legislation would appropriate money for construction projects that address urgent school safety needs.

As a nonprofit organization that develops accredited standards and certifications in the inspection, cleaning, and restoration industries, we are familiar with remedying areas that have been negatively affected by mold and other indoor air pollutants. We know of their adverse effects on facilities like school buildings and the numerous health issues associated with exposure to these toxins. We are excited that Oregon is considering legislation regarding much-needed school building improvements to address these environmental hazards. As stated in the bill, these projects are urgently needed to protect student and faculty health, safety, and welfare.

In addition to voting “YES” for HB 2257, the IICRC asks the Oregon legislature to consider, utilize, and incorporate accredited industry standards and certifications. The IICRC works diligently to develop and advance globally recognized standards, credentials, and certifications for the cleaning and restoration industries. The IICRC currently offers many standards that improve indoor air quality, including the ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard for Professional Mold Remediation. The ANSI/IICRC S520 is the only accredited mold remediation standard available and is utilized by mold remediation professionals in Oregon and worldwide. We offer this information and urge the committee and those individuals who will perform the construction projects to become familiar with these items to ensure that the buildings that the students and faculty of Oregon frequent are effectively free of toxic mold and other indoor air pollutants.

The IICRC would like to reiterate its support for HB 2257 and thank Representatives Hudson, Owens, Hartman, and Ruiz for their due diligence in putting forth legislation to address these urgent school safety needs. Please consider voting “YES” for HB 2257.

Sincerely,

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