



Support for House Bill 2922: Increase to Construction Contractor License Bonds

To: The House Committee on Business and Labor

The Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Association (PMCA) **supports HB 2922** and urge your Aye vote.

The licensing and bonding of Oregon's many types of construction contractors is an important safeguard for our citizens that the members of our association solidly supports.

Licensing and Bonding, along with other education and enforcement functions of the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) and the state Building Codes Division (BCD) helps ensure that Oregon's contracting community provides a quality product in a legal, safe, professional, and structured way. And it helps to keep bad apples out of the industry.

While it may seem counterintuitive that businesses would support a raise in bonding rates and the increase in our premiums that will result from this - we have looked at the rates and noted that the bonding amount has not increased since we restructured industry licensing a number of years ago. The amount of increase in HB 2922 seems appropriate.

Senate Bill 228, which we supported and has passed the Senate, will provide some further consumer protections that will compliment this bill and we look forward to coming before you to support it latter in the Session.

PMCA supports House Bill 2922 and respectfully request your support as well.