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# OREGON PLUMBING-HEATING-COOLING CONTRACTORS TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 3031 -5 AMENDMENT

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Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon State Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors represents the business owners of local, main street contractors in communities large and small across the state of Oregon. Our members run the gamut, include new installation, remodels, and emergency services and repairs. Our members work on residential, office, commercial and public buildings. And our companies offer generous family-wage jobs with generous benefits and on-the-clock training through apprenticeship programs.

We testified in support of the base bill (see below). I have not had much time to review the -5 amendment with my subject matter experts at the national level, however, their quick review of the amendment did yield at least a couple of significant issues.

- (1) The amendment deletes the base bill. It directs activity without first establishing what work needs to be done, and where. But perhaps the “study” bill was only a placeholder from the outset; and
- (2) The amendment (page 3, lines 9-12) should adopt “ASHRAE Standard 62.1” as the standard, and leave the details – “-2022, Section 8 and Table 1-8” out. Otherwise, every time 62.1 is updated, the Legislature will need to amend this statute.

Thank you for considering our concerns. I am happy to answer any questions.

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## *Testimony before the Education Committee on March 6.*

Oregon PHCC supports any effort to carefully and methodically study the current conditions of, and the standards for, the air coming into and out of public buildings. HB3031 does not list any requirements regarding to process of creating the required study. Oregon PHCC believes any credible study must include input from the various industries which represent the manufacturers, installers and maintainers of heating and cooling systems. Without this level of expertise, a study will lack importance information and context.

Oregon PHCC stands ready to assist this study by providing expertise at both the state and national level. We look forward to hearing from Department of Education if this proposal moves forward.

Thank you.