

UA Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters
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TO: Oregon House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

RE: Support for House Bill 2169

Co-Chairs Owens and Helm, and Members of the Committee

UA Local 290 Plumbers and Steamfitters represents over 5,000 working men and women in the plumbing and fitting industry. Our members are experts in piping and mechanical systems, and the State codes that govern them. We are writing in strong support of HB 2169, and the continued work on Water Reuse systems in Oregon.

The need for water reuse is critical as the State manages water needs across our community. We are excited that this conversation is continuing, and how HB 2169 aims to increase communication and planning between agencies and local governments.

The direction given in the bill to carry on the work of the last few years is essential to Oregon's success in enacting meaningful water reuse programs.

As inter-agency agreements are formed, and work on education, streamlining, and technical support continues, UA Local 290 hopes to lend our industry expertise where it is most useful for water reuse infrastructure development and planning.

As representatives of the workers who will do much of the work on water reuse systems, we thank the Co-Chairs and the Committee for bringing this bill forward and look forward to partnering on this issue moving forward.

Sincerely,

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