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RE: International Code Council Support for ESB 1086

House Committee on Labor and Workplace Standards Committee members:

The International Code Council (ICC) is a U.S. based non-profit with members in Oregon and across the world including architects, engineers, contractors, manufacturers, and government officials. ICC is dedicated to helping the building safety community, government entities, and the construction industry provide safe, sustainable, resilient, energy-efficient, affordable, and accessible homes, businesses, and public buildings.

ICC submits this testimony in support of Engrossed SB 1086, instructing the Department of Consumer and Business Services to support the Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) in the development and establishment of an apprenticeship program for building inspectors with the Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council.

Oregon is currently experiencing a significant shortage of building inspectors to meet the challenge of providing the necessary volume of housing units to meet demand and ease affordability concerns, as detailed in OBOA's testimony. This issue is not unique to Oregon, as states across the nation face an aging workforce and a shortage of viable candidates to replace them for these positions.

ESB 1086 represents a significant opportunity for Oregon to be a national leader in developing a robust apprenticeship program to help bridge the gap by providing the necessary education to produce qualified workers, while also meeting the workers' individual needs to support themselves and their families through the process.

A sufficient supply of well-trained and certified building inspectors helps ensure building safety for all members of the public, while helping to make the construction process seamless, efficient, and affordable.

We urge you to support ESB 1086.

Sincerely,

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