



Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association

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TO: House Committee on Energy & Environment

RE: Support for SB 692 with amendments & SB 840

PMCA has worked during the Session with the group putting together SB 692 (energy efficiency standards) on the elements related to plumbing. During that process it was determined that the best place to list the new efficiency standards for plumbing fixtures would be within the plumbing code where the new flow rates would simply update the existing ones. However, the relating clause of 692 was not wide enough to do that - so SB 840 was created to do that.

And at this point we still need to delete the duplicative plumbing standards language from SB 692 – and there is an amendment to do that.

Key Points about SB 840:

- ✓ **Standards already existed in the Plumbing Code** – we are just updating the flow rates and some terminology.
- ✓ **Worked with industry groups to confirm** that the new flow rate numbers are what the manufacturers and other states are heading to - *and that the fixtures work.*
- ✓ We have **the implementation dates in synch** with our next plumbing code adoption cycle and the dates are set far enough out so there **shouldn't be a problem with inventory for suppliers, retailers or plumbing contractors.**
- ✓ There is an existing **exemption process in the plumbing code** – in case of special situations such as penal facilities, historic structures or historic fixtures.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Oregon urges the House Energy & Environment Committee to pass SB 692 with amendments and SB 840.

Sincerely,

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The PMCA represents over 200 contractors who employ on average over 3,000 people working throughout Oregon

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