



Pacific Northwest Chapter

Associated Builders and Contractors – Pacific Northwest Chapter



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Oregon Home Builders Association

Senate Bill 582

Oregon State Senate
Committee on Rural Communities and Economic Development

As key stakeholders of the state's building permitting and inspection program, we want to provide you our support for Senate Bill (SB) 582 **as amended**. We strongly support SB 582 because it would improve building regulation and support job creation, particularly in rural Oregon.

SB 582 provides new tools to assist owner/builders obtain regulatory approval for construction projects in a timely and flexible manner.

SB 582 sets policy direction to make sure the unique aspects of Oregon are addressed when adopting statewide building codes.

Additionally, SB 582 clarifies decision making between two state agency's regulations (Building Codes and Fire Codes); avoids costly delays and unnecessary rework.

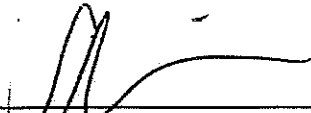
This bill provides greater customer assistance by making typical drawings available to reduce costs and minimizes delays during the permitting process.

The bill, as amended, streamlines the Oregon building inspection process, provides consistency, and will greatly benefit Oregon's economy by providing flexibility and timeliness with building inspection and plan review of projects in rural and remote areas of the state.

We respectfully ask you to support SB 582. Passage of this bill will provide an efficient, cost effective, and responsive building regulation system for the Oregon business community.

We appreciate the committee's efforts to improve the efficiency of the construction regulatory process by considering this vital legislation.


Thank you,




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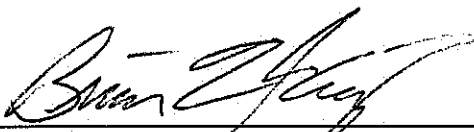
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