



# Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association

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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

## RE: Support for HB 2545

We urge your support of HB 2545 and closing the loophole in prevailing wage law that doesn't permit Limited Liability Corporations to be debarred for legal violations. We believe LLCs should be treated the same as every other contractor, subcontractor, firm, partnership or corporation under PWR law.

**Our contractors support closing this loophole so that all companies working on public works projects are treated the same.**

The statutes addressed in HB 2545 were written before LLCs existed and the increasing prevalence of LLCs in the construction industry necessitates this change. This bill is a simple fix to add LLCs to the list of business entities in 279C.860 that can face debarment for certain violations of PWR law.

**Without passage, members and managers of LLCs can avoid debarment completely and continue to work on public works projects despite numerous violations of the law.** Honest contractors are put at a competitive disadvantage when bad actors are allowed to continue and know that they cannot face debarment for PWR violations.

**The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Oregon urges the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation to pass HB 2545.**

Sincerely,

Frank Wall, *PMCA Executive Director*

Kate Newhall, *Government Relations Representative*

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

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