



Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association

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TO: Senate Committee on Business and Transportation

RE: Support for HB 2524-A

We urge your support of HB 2524-A and limiting the current exemption from Construction Contractor Board licensing for realtors and property managers. **Oregon law requires individuals who engage in construction activity to be licensed with the CCB because it helps ensure quality work, safety and accountability.** It also ensures that the person performing the work complies with applicable laws and has the correct professional licenses and training to complete the work safely and effectively.

Just because an individual is a realtor or property manager does not make them particularly qualified to perform plumbing installations or repairs nor should it exempt them from CCB licensing requirements.

When our contractors are called out to fix plumbing issues caused by unlicensed individuals performing installations and repairs, the repairs can be very costly. They often discover structural damage to the home or building caused by shoddy or improper workmanship. This drives up the cost of repair and can create serious safety issues.

PMCA supports limiting the CCB exemption for realtors and also supports a further evaluation of all CCB licensing exemptions, beyond just those addressed in this bill.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Oregon urges the Senate Committee on Business and Transportation to pass HB 2524-A.

Sincerely,

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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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