



Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association

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TO: House Judiciary Committee

We are contacting you to raise strong concerns about HB 2403 - which would make changes to the way scrap metal could be sold to metal recyclers. Our contractors greatly appreciate the work that the Legislature did in 2009 and 2011 to combat the metal theft problem by leading the creation of the current process for selling scrap metal to a metal dealer. Metal theft has been a significant ongoing problem for our industry. PMCA is an active member of the CICP - and believes that most of its participants do not want to see significant changes to the legislation at this time. *The current process and the legislation enacting it needs to be left intact – and given time to work.*

We are particularly concerned about the proposal to allow up to \$10.00 per day in cash sales. This would substantially weaken the law and make it easier for criminals to sell stolen metal.

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association of Oregon urges the House Judiciary Committee to take no action on HB 2403 – *unless it is amended with the -3 amendment.*

Overall we do not believe the proposed changes will do anything to help prevent further metal theft – and the bill, unless amended with the -3 amendment, would most likely lead to an increase in theft. We ask for your support in maintaining the current laws and process.

Sincerely,

Frank Wall, *PMCA Executive Director*

Brian Krieg, *Government Relations Representative*

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

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