



Building Owners & Managers Association of Oregon Urge Your Support of Senate Bill 85.

In order to assure that both public *and* private buildings can be safeguarded against seismic activity, the state must allow for local governments to provide financial assistance to private building owners. Without financial aid, the price of updating a building is simply too steep to be realistic for even wealthier building owners to shoulder alone.

On March 10, 2015, the Senate Committee on Veteran's & Emergency Preparedness unanimously sent SB 85 to the floor with a 'do pass' recommendation. and it passed out of the Senate Chamber on a 30-0 unanimous vote.

Passage of Senate Bill 85 will:

- Ensure the private buildings keep up with public buildings in terms of seismic activity preparedness
- Ensure that in the case of natural disaster, communities will not be unduly crippled in terms of private building/infrastructure loss, while public buildings alone remain prepared and protected.
- Allow for local jurisdictions to support the privately owned building sector's ability to survive in light of a natural disaster, at a rate and scope that is sensible for each given jurisdiction.

We must ensure large swaths of Oregon's population are not left unprotected due to the high cost of seismic activity preparation. The Oregon Building Owners and Managers Association strongly urge you to pass Senate Bill 85 as it currently stands in order to guarantee a safe, and thriving Oregon economy in the case of tsunami, earthquake, or other disaster.

Thank you for protecting Oregon's future with passage of SB 85.