



Sheet Metal Contractors Association



Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association



Sheet Metal Workers Local #16



Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers

- IBEW 48
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UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local #290

Support for SB 137 – Consistency in PWR Law

SB 137 is a relatively simple fix for what we believe is an unintended glitch in prevailing wage law. In 2007, PWR law was amended to apply to any project that included over \$750,000 of public funds, even if that project was privately owned. This change was to address the increasing frequency of public-private partnerships in public contracting - projects that weren't always being covered even though they used a considerable amount of public resources. The 2007 legislation created a second trigger for PWR law and automatically covered a project if it uses over \$750,000 of public funds.

However, it recently came to light that because of two words included in the definition of "public works," that PWR law still not cover some projects even if they use over \$750,000 of public funds.

ORS 279C.800(6)(a)(B) defines "public works" and includes any project using over \$750,000 of public funds, but language in the statute limits PWR application to projects that are "privately owned." While it was primarily privately owned projects that drove the 2007 legislation, the intent was to apply PWR law to any and all projects that used more than \$750,000 of public funds, regardless of if was publicly or privately owned.

SB 137 deletes "privately owned," two important words, in ORS 279C.800(6)(a)(B). This change will ensure that PWR law will cover all projects using over \$750,000 of public funds.

The contractors of SMACNA, members of Sheet Metal Workers Local 16, the contractors of PMCA, the members of UA 290 Plumbers and Steamfitters and the members of the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers (IBEW) urge you to pass SB 137.

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