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RE: SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 2907

The Southern Oregon Chapter of the International Code Council represents Building Safety Department Jurisdictions in Douglas, Josephine, Curry, Jackson and Klamath Counties.

In the 2013 Legislative Session, the definition of a “Specialized Building Inspector” was changed. With that definition change, it required that in order to use this Oregon certification, a person must be “employed” by a jurisdiction. This one word, which we believe was inadvertent and unintended, meant that building inspectors who obtained these certifications could no longer use the certification if they worked for a third party contracted inspection agency.

This arbitrarily set a different standard for building inspectors based on who they worked for and not on their qualifications to do the job. HB 2907 would fix this oversight by allowing building inspectors to use their certification regardless of whether they are employed by a jurisdiction or work for a third party company contracted by a city or county. It also corrects an unfairness that now exists for inspectors who meet the same criteria and qualifications but where some are and some are not allowed to use the certifications they obtained.

The SOC-ICC Executive Board and by vote of our membership endorses and supports HB 2907 changes to correct the unintended inconsistencies that are current law.

Sincerely,

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President SOC-ICC