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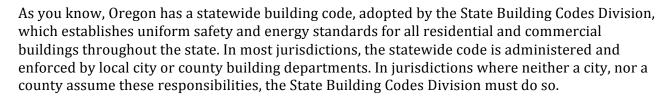
RE: Support of House Bill 2907

Good Afternoon Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) represents more than 1,000 building officials and personnel throughout the state. Its members include a wide range of building officials, both

in large, metropolitan cities and counties, as well as small, rural jurisdictions and includes thirdparty building inspectors.

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It is our understanding that in 2013, legislation limited the ability for third-party building inspectors to perform work in relation to the specialty codes. OBOA believes that third-party building inspectors serve an important function to local building officials that have unforeseen increases in workload or unexpected staffing changes by helping maintain internal operation standards within a jurisdiction and most importantly, maintain customer service delivery needs.

We believe the change made to the definition of "Specialized Building Inspector" in 2013 resulted in an unintended consequence that limits the ability of these third-party building inspectors to perform certain work. Should a local building official have the need for third-party building inspectors, it is our understanding that the proposed language in House Bill 2907 will result in a third-party "specialized building inspector" being able to perform the same level of work as a jurisdictional "specialized building inspector."

OBOA urges you to support House Bill 2907 and remedy the unintended consequence as a result of the 2013 legislation.

Thank you for your time and consideration of House Bill 2907.

Respectfully,

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