

Comments Submitted to Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, April 10, 2017

**The Subject: SB871**

Thank you all, Senator Dembrow, Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer and others for this opportunity to improve and make more effective SB705 (from the 2015 session and subsequent DEQ rulemaking process in 2016), which has proven not to include enforcement and other means to regulate the emissions of asbestos and lead paint during demolitions in older buildings and homes. This is a serious matter for all Oregon residents who do not want to become ill with Mesothelioma, cancer from exposure to asbestos. We also do not want to be exposed to lead, a neurotoxin that harms our children and ourselves.

Following are suggestions to further improve SB871:

1. Please amend to provide a clear definition of 'residence' in this bill to mean, "a structure with four units or less, including a single family home".
2. Include the state definition of a demolition (OR 340-248-0010 19). Use this definition, rather than the City of Portland definition, which is less inclusive. Demolitions for additions are also putting asbestos and lead paint into our neighborhoods airshed.
3. The civil penalty of \$5,000.00 is not sufficient to deter developers who are making big profits at the expense of public health. A suggested \$25,000.00 is more appropriate.
4. Notifications of proposed demolitions should be clearly posted where neighbors can see them, and sent to DEQ, OHA, CCB and OSHA.
5. Discontinue the current citizen complaint system, which is highly inadequate and absolves responsible agencies from doing the work they are paid to do.
6. Adopt clear language of which agency should enforce surveys, do notifications, arrange for inspections and provide enforcement for this important legislation.

Thank you for helping us all to have cleaner air in Portland. Submitted by Sharon Genasci, (26 years of air quality activism in NW Portland).