



Chair Holvey, Members of the Committee my name is Vince Porter and I'm here representing the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. RVIA is the national trade association representing recreational vehicle (RV) manufacturers and their component parts suppliers who together build more than 98 percent of all RVs produced in the U.S.

I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 983. SB 983 will allow our local manufacturers of RVs remain competitive and retain the business they have worked hard to grow over the past few years. SB 983 would codify a long standing practice and put Oregon in alignment with every other state in the country. If SB 983 was to not pass, the Building Codes Division would be required to enforce something that would have no impact to consumers and only motivate manufacturers to consider out of state operations. I say this because the licensing requirement would only affect RVs built in Oregon and sold in Oregon. It would not affect RVs built out of state and sold in Oregon. With so many companies operating in multiple states, the decision on where to locate and expand would be greatly impacted by this requirement. The impact of this bill not passing would be felt primarily in Rural Oregon, as the RV manufacturers in the state tend to reside in our smaller population areas – RVIA has members in places like Albany, Harrisburg, Dallas, Cresswell, Newberg, Woodburn and Pendleton.

We appreciate the Building Codes Division's attempt to correct this problem and are in full support of SB 983. In the Senate committee, there was an alternative bill that we supported, but after a robust debate and several conversations SB 983 became the preferred choice for all stakeholders. It had no opposition in the hearing and we decided to compromise and move forward. On the Senate floor it passed with 29 aye votes. We urge the committee to pass SB 983.