



Feb. 15, 2017

Honorable Paul Holvey
House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Or 97301

RE: House Bill 2168 Equipment for Performing Specialty Code Inspections

Dear Chair Holvey, Vice Chair Barreto, Vice Chair Bynum, and Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor:

I am writing to share the City of Beaverton's opposition to House Bill 2168. This bill as written appears to create an unnecessary financial and time burden on building code inspectors by requiring them to supply all the equipment needed to conduct inspections.

Building code inspections require a variety of equipment that include 30 foot ladders, scaffolding, hi-lift vehicles, and other items to access inspection sites that often vary widely and typically already have the equipment at the construction sites. City inspection vehicles do not have the capability of carrying all of these items, nor is all the equipment something that would be readily set up in the time inspectors have to do the actual inspection.

In addition, there would be a significant cost to purchasing the necessary equipment including upgrades to vehicles. The process a building code inspector must take to transport, set up, secure, and take down equipment takes valuable time away from the core purpose of the inspection: ensuring State Building Code requirements are met for the safety of the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and I urge you to oppose House Bill 2168 and maintain our ability to efficiently and cost-effectively perform our work to ensure public safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Twete". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Twete
Community Development Director