



Pacific Northwest Chapter

Associated Builders and Contractors – Pacific Northwest Chapter



Associated General Contractors – Oregon Columbia Chapter



Oregon Building Officials Association



THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

The American Institute of Architects



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Local 280



Oregon Fire Chiefs Association

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Oregon Fire Marshals Association



National Electrical Contractors Association



Independent Electrical Contractors Association



United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters – Local 290



Sheet Metal Workers – Local 16



Oregon State Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors



Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association – Oregon



Oregon State Building & Construction Trades Council



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Oregon Home Builders Association



Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors – Columbia Chapter

From the Office of State Representative Bill Kenemer

Bill Kenemer

April 18, 2017

HB 2737(-2)

Members of the 79th Legislative Assembly:

Our coalition of business, labor, and government is **opposed to HB 2737(-2)**, and other bills that undermine Oregon’s statewide building code and code adoption process.

Building codes are only adopted in Oregon after a robust code adoption process directed by Oregon’s seven statutory boards. The boards are made up of stakeholders (Including elected officials, public members and Industry) who are in the best position to determine the effectiveness of code provisions and to ensure safety.

We believe any change to building code standards should be vetted for life **safety, durability, and technical and economic feasibility**. The code standards presented in HB2737(-2) **have not been vetted** through Oregon’s process, and we encourage the Legislature to pause before changing any code requirement without adequate review.

Several of the organizations signed onto this letter participated in a workgroup to address tiny houses. This bill is **not a consensus product**. The amendment was never presented to the workgroup for consideration and feedback.

This bill is simply not ready. The stakes are too high to roll the dice when it comes to the safety of Oregonians.

In closing, we ask that you oppose HB 2737(-2) and any amendment that would undermine Oregon’s building code and code adoption process, designed to protect Oregon citizens.

Sincerely,

The businesses, labor organizations, and local governments that drive Oregon’s construction industry