



Sheet Metal Contractors  
Association



Plumbing and Mechanical  
Contractors Association



Sheet Metal Workers  
Local #16



Oregon State Association  
of Electrical Workers

- IBEW 48
- IBEW 89
- IBEW 112
- IBEW 125
- IBEW 280
- IBEW 659
- IBEW 932



UA Plumbers and  
Steamfitters Local #290

February 22, 2018

Chair Taylor and Members of the Senate Workforce Committee:

**RE: Support for HB 4144A**

On behalf of OSAEW, SMART Local 16, SMACNA, UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 290 and PMCA we urge your support for HB 4144A, to help grow rural contracting businesses and increase affordable housing.

In rural Oregon, there is need to increase the amount of affordable housing and the number of construction contractors, especially specialty contractors, available to build it. HB 4144A, is an attempt to address both of these issues. This bill would clear some red tape for new contractors who are interested in starting up a contracting business in rural Oregon. New contractors would also get access to low cost loans for startup costs - if in return they agree to bidding and working on affordable housing projects.

We have members all across the state and this legislation could provide the opportunity to open their own business, hire and develop their local workforce, and help out their local community and economy.

This bill is win-win for our members and our rural economies and people living there in need of housing. We urge your support of HB 4144A.

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