



Associated Builders and Contractors – Pacific Northwest Chapter



International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers – Local 48



National Electrical Contractors Association



Independent Electrical Contractors Association



Plumbing & Mechanical Contractors Association – Oregon



Associated Wall and Ceiling Contractors of Oregon and S.W. Washington, Inc.



Iron Workers – Local 29



Oregon Building Trades Council



Oregon State Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors



AFSCME – Council 75



Sheet Metal Workers – Local 16



Oregon Home Builders Association



International Union of Operating Engineers – Local 701



Associated General Contractors



United Association of Plumbers & Steamfitters – Local 290



Laborers' International Union



Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors – Columbia Chapter

OREGON'S CONSTRUCTION BUSINESSES AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

April 22, 2019

Re: HB 2420A

Vote Yes on HB 2420A!

As business and labor supporting Oregon's construction economy, including thousands of small businesses located throughout the state, we appreciate the legislature taking action to keep community development in all areas of Oregon thriving.

It is incredibly important for Oregon's construction economy to have a predictable and legally sufficient regulatory process. Contractors and workers that follow the rules must have confidence in government service. Over the last several years two Attorney General opinions and an opinion from legislative counsel have identified that legislation is necessary for contracted or third party local government services to be deemed both constitutionally and statutorily valid. In the most recent Attorney General Opinion, signed by the Attorney General herself on March 14, 2019, DOJ made it clear that legislation is necessary to confirm the existing practice of private inspectors performing building inspections on behalf of local government.

HB 2420 is the result of years of work, three legal opinions, and many concessions from our organizations. Of particular importance to us is the certainty this bill provides, and the recognition that contractors who follow the rules need to have valid permits. HB 2420 provides the necessary safeguards for contractors to do business in those communities that use private inspectors. Without a solution, the uncertainty and confusion we have experienced over the last several years will continue. This bill creates a smooth transition and provides ample time for local government to meet the constitutional and legal issues raised by DOJ.

Failure to fix this problem puts our businesses at risk, puts communities at risk, and may lead to gaps in service to the industry.

Sincerely,

The businesses and labor organizations that drive Oregon's construction industry

From the Desk of Representative Paul Holvey

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