

Honorable Senator Chuck Riley
Chair- Senate Committee on Labor and Business

No on Senate Bill (SB)17

As a representative of Sheet Metal workers in the construction industry in both Idaho and Oregon I would like to speak out against SB 17. Any licensing requirements that Oregon has should not come as a surprise to any contractor in border community across the Oregon state lines. Any extension of time/grace periods for out of state companies to come up to Oregon requirements only allows an erosion of industry standards and consumer protection of Oregon residents and taxpayers.

One concern would be that some out of state licensing & compliance standards are so lax that one licensed tradesperson can remotely over see several trainees. This is a particular concern if the work includes: Electrical, natural gas lines or proper venting of combustion gases. Any oversight Oregon may wish to have would be difficult if the one (licensed) tradesman in charge of the crew is working remotely. This is a detriment to consumer safety and undermines Oregon licensing standards.

Again, any current licensing requirements in Oregon should not be of any surprise to contractors in border communities.

Sincerely,
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