

## **SB 870 Testimony**

Chair Sollman and Members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee

My name is Perry England. I am Vice President of Building Performance at MacDonald-Miller Facility Solutions – a building engineering, construction, and optimization mechanical contractor with operations in Oregon and Washington. I also serve as the Board President for the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council – an association of over 100 firms helping to make our built environment operate more efficiently.

On behalf of both organizations, we support Senate Bill 870.

Shortly after Washington State's adoption of the Clean Buildings Performance Standards rules in November 2020, MacDonald-Miller mobilized to provide owner outreach, education, and compliance support with the energy performance standards. We have communicated with over 10,000 building owners & managers, completed 1,388 Energy Star benchmarks, and working on an additional 1,160 benchmarks while actively providing compliance support as a qualified energy services provider.

Based on our engagement with building owners, they appreciate a law with very clear expectations such as those set forth in ASHRAE Standard 100 and contemplated in Senate Bill 870. With 60% of the buildings benchmarked passing their energy efficiency test, this type of legislation is achievable and does not create an undue financial burden for most building owners.

Senate Bill 870 outlines the framework for a highly impactful piece of legislation that will set achievable energy performance targets for the built environment which results in a proportional reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. In fact, it is one of the few pieces of legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions by motivating building owners to pay attention to their building's energy performance which ultimately pays them back with a reasonable return on their investment.

Thank you for the consideration. I am available to provide additional details on our current experiences, case studies, and adoption metrics, as well as answer any questions.

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