



February 26, 2026

To: The Chair Jama and member of the Senate Committee on Rules

Re: Support for Senate Bill 1501 -3

Dear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Starr and members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association (PMCA) urges your support for SB 1501 with the -3 amendment. The MODA center plays a vital role in Oregon's economy and provides significant cultural benefits to our population. Key reasons why we support this legislation include:

- The legislation lays out a fiscally responsible pathway for the State, the City of Portland, and Multnomah County to renovate the facility and secure commitments from the Blazers.
- The renovations and capital improvements to the Moda Center will require many highly trained craftspeople across multiple trades - including our plumbers, pipefitters and HVAC workers.
- Projects of this magnitude support registered apprenticeship programs, ensuring that the next generation of Oregon workers can enter the Trades, earn while they learn, and build long-term careers.
- Beyond construction, a modernized and well-maintained Moda Center supports long-term employment in Portland and drives ongoing economic activity that benefits workers and businesses throughout Oregon.
- Importantly, the Oregon Arena Fund relies on tax revenues generated by activity in and around the Moda Center itself, ensuring that the economic benefits of the project are reinvested directly into the facility without pledging the state's general fund or creating unconstitutional debt.

For these reasons, we strongly **urge your support for SB 1501**. This bill supports good Union jobs, strengthens apprenticeship training, and invests in infrastructure that will serve Oregonians for decades to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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