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RE: Support House Bill 3414 with -1

BCD and LCDC Collaboration on Housing



Oregon State Association
of Electrical Workers

TO: Members of the House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

The Plumbing and Mechanical Contractors Association (PMCA), UA Local 290 Plumbers & Steamfitters (UA 290), Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning Contractors National Association of Oregon & SW Washington (SMACNA), and the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers (OSAEW) strongly urge your support for House Bill 3414 with the -1 amendment to help streamline the construction of housing in Oregon.

We collectively represent hundreds of construction contractors and thousands of construction workers throughout Oregon who work on public and private projects across the state including housing.

HB 3414 as originally introduced had some operational language that was of concern to us and others in the construction industry regarding how the new Housing Accountability and Production Office would function and the roles of the two agencies. The Governor's office quickly reached out to us discuss these concerns and made adjustments in the -1 amendment that clarified the two agencies roles and fixed the issues we identified. We greatly appreciate their outreach and the assistance of both the Building Codes Division and the Department of Land Conservation and Development in listening to and addressing our concerns.

We believe this bill, **with the -1 Amendment**, will enhance the cooperation between the two agencies and help advance the urgently needed development of housing in Oregon.

We urge the Committee to support this measure.

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