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Yes on Senate Bill 228:

Support for the Construction Contractor's Board continued improvement.

Oregon State Representatives:

The Plumbers and Mechanical Contractors Association (PMCA), the Oregon State Association of Electrical Workers (OSAEW), and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (SMACNA) **support Senate Bill 228** and urge your Aye vote.

Senate Bill 228 will improve the important work of the Construction Contractors Board (CCB).

The CCB was created to protect Oregon consumers by enforcing licensing standards, resolving disputes, and delivering education and resources. The CCB also supports responsible licensed contractors by ensuring consistent enforcement, effective education, and a path to compliance with regulatory standards.

Senate Bill 228 will enhance consumer protections by improving CCB's ability to accept complaints and hold bad actors accountable. The bill will also assist CCB to be a resource for contractors who need guidance or technical assistance by allowing CCB to authorize conditional licenses so contractors can stay in business and correct unintentional errors.

The bill adds Rulemaking flexibility for the CCB to accept jurisdiction to handle consumer complaints efficiently, and importantly, Senate Bill 228 models a proven accountability structure currently used by the Building Codes Division.

Senate Bill 228 is forward thinking – it allows the CCB to streamline procedural requirements and make necessary technology changes that can adapt quickly to ever-changing regulatory environments and continually improve the Board's service delivery.

All of these components support both the contractors and the Oregon public, and will improve faith in the Construction Industry and the work of the CCB.

PMCA, OSAEW, and SMACNA enthusiastically support Senate Bill 228 and respectfully request your support as well.