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Commissioners re: Docket 24-OIR-03,

One...

Permit compliance should stay driven by the end user. Its a system that is meant to protect them, not generate revenue for the city or state. If the end user is not intrested in that protection, they should not be forced in to it. Especially at an enormous cost to themselves.

Two...

This type of regulation will drive costs up radically. Forcing private businesses to be your policing force, without compensation, will mean those costs will be passed on to the tradesman, who will pass them on to the end-user.

Three....

Adding the pulling of permits to any project adds cost, most customers do not want that. Most just say, "I'll handle the permits."

This will add 40 to 60% to HVAC installation costs and 60 to 80% increase to water heater replacements.

Or.... it will move the purchase of water heaters and HVAC equipment to and by the end users (online) and shipped directly to them. Then, they just hire a contractor to install.

It will force many out of business.

And, it will affect lower income people much worse. Many will have to go with out hot water and Air Conditioning.

This will absolutely not have the affect you think it will have.

I've been a worker in the trades most of my life. I'm almost ready to retire. I like offering my skill to help improve people's lives. But, respectfully, this is not the kind of regulation you inact.... if you care about people.... especially the lower 80% of the population.

Thank you for your time. Fotios Retzepis