



2019 Legislative Priorities

The Oregon Building Officials Association (OBOA) represents more than 1,000 building officials and personnel throughout the state. Its members include a wide range of building officials, both in large, metropolitan cities and counties, as well as small, rural jurisdictions, including third-party agencies. OBOA is committed to advocating on behalf of its diverse membership to find solutions to issues impacting its members around the state.

Support & Promote Safe Structures

Under the statewide building code, the safety of occupants in and around buildings and structures is paramount. In support of this principle, OBOA supports coordination and active communications with key partners to ensure the safety of the buildings and other structures we inspect. Statewide policy should promote tested and proven safety standards with clear direction.

Protect & Support Local Control

Oregon's communities are diverse and ever-changing, which puts local communities in the best position to solve local issues and thrive as jurisdictions. Statewide policy should encourage, guide, and allow for adequate flexibility to maximize resources and tools available to local jurisdictions to best serve their communities and encourage workforce development in our ever-changing state.

Maintain Statewide Building Code

Oregon has a statewide building code, adopted by the State Building Codes Division, which establishes uniform safety and energy standards for all residential and commercial buildings and other structures throughout the state. In most jurisdictions, the statewide code is administered and enforced by local city or county building departments. In jurisdictions where neither a city, nor a county, assume these responsibilities, the State Building Codes Division must do so.

The statewide building code provides uniformity and certainty for both the private and public sectors as they partner in the inspection process. Additionally, the State Building Codes Division provides a process through its appointed boards that allows for thoughtful discussion where changes to the statewide building code are considered.

Promote Public/Private Partnerships

Partnership between private and public entities is critical for efficient and cohesive interactions between customers and jurisdictions. OBOA supports policies and regulations that allow for flexibility and promote partnership between the public and private sectors. These partnerships allow for a high level of service from the initial stages of a project through completion.