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To All Concerned with ASHBA's HB 150 residential building code

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I am in support of HB 150 as originally intended and urge you to support it as originally intended.

The main goal of HB150 is to protect consumers from licensed contractors who are not building to code minimums. Consumers are forced into court and the court has no laws to hold the contractor accountable. Secondary benefit is that HB150 minimally levels the playing field for contractors bidding work. This bill was not intended to grow government significantly. Government only needs to enact the bill and enforcement is done as needed in the court system. I do not want another inspection or requirement to prove that our houses are built to code. I already use the inspection system enforced by the banking industry on all of our houses regardless of financing. I only want to see a law that will protect consumers when they have an issue with a contractor that is putting himself out for hire as a professional.

What I favor is consumer protection

What I don't favor:

- More government and expense

- Bill managed under the Fire Marshall Office- They are already busy with commercial.

- Additional paper work that needs to be reviewed by State employee

- Regulation for Home Owner/ builder

- Regulation for recreational cabins

- Additional work for jurisdictions that already have code authority and enforcement

Thank You,

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