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- not that I know of, but I don't have enough experience to say yes or no
- In general, I believe that any and all government burocrucies that can be stream lined, SHOULD.
- I don't know specifics in this area, but I am certain that a doubling or tripling of plan reviews and studies is probably necessary right now to get things rolling. Put a moratorium on corporate income taxes until our UE rate is 6%.
- Yeah, whatever is holding up the LNG project is a major barrier. That project could put a lot off us to work
- none come to mind
- The government gives some big business tax breaks to keep them in an area then the business takes the money and runs. This should not be allowed . There should be a penalty for doing this. MICRON in Boise, ID is an example of doing this very thing. There should be more willingness to bring in more nuclear power facilities. The government should support big industry, which will increase employment, rather than tying up in red tape. I am currently working on a nuclear site and I would have to say that the enviromental hazards and safety procedures are by far better than most other power facilities, such as coal fired plants.
- It is as if the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is controlling the State instead of the State controlling the union. There is too much tomfoolery between Oregon and Washington on skilled labor positions with regulations preventing businesses and individuals to work across state lines.
- Permitting procedures should be streamlined. Permitting fees have grown while the rest of the state is out of work.
- Stream line the permitting process and crack down on the out of control inspectors that make our work not only more difficult but also more expensive for those of us that purchase the required permits
- 1. Permitting fees need to be reigned in.
- 2. Excessive road improvements around projects. These are usually added to a project by local governments and thus make the cost of the project prohibitively high. Improvements should be offered up to bid to local contractors (no one out-of-state). Not enough money, then maybe our government leaders should be cutting their wages and benefits to be more reflective of the people they serve.
- 3. The requirement to add "ART" to high dollar projects. That is just stupid.
- 4. See next question.
- no comment
- Well as a plumber, right now if I want to get a permit I have to actually go in to purchase the permit on site otherwise they told my wife that it could take a few days to process. So if I want to say replace a water line, now I have to spend 2 to 3 hours to get a permit, which my customers aren't very happy to pay, and then I get a late start

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and can no longer get it done in one day, now it might take me two days instead. And to make matters worse with my big plumbing truck, I have to park 7 blocks away to find a parking place.

- Yes , any pro union legislation should be avoided at all cost to improve the private buisness in Oregon .
- Licensing for contractors.
- That's your area of expertise.
- insane environment laws
- Permits & inspection fees should be limited to covering costs and reasonable administration (overhead & reserves) Encourage smaller property owners (tax incentives?) rather than always giving such to the big guys; (wind mills, electronics conglomerates, etc).
- Not familiar enough with the process
- I would like to support environmental regulations, in the end the beauty of the state and protection of animals should be protected.
- High permit and service connection fees
- out of state companys and workers should be streamlined. companys that outsource labor and bring their products to oregon should be streamlined. politicians who allow or encourage and possibly profit from these practces should be streamlined.
- There is a Bill to streamline right of way acquisition while obtaining other permits that should be passed but it's always bothered me that developers don't pay thier fair share for the actual infrastructure impacts that several studies show cost about 28,000 \$ per single family unit. They build, get out of Town and stick the rest of us with the bill.
- I am a small business owner so the project expenses themselves do not really affect me much directly. All the anual expenses incurred do though. There are way to many govt. agencies that want your money. Theres the CCB, all the business licenses, business registry, and more. It would be nice if there was just one low cost package to save everyone time, strss, and most of all money.
- There is to much "red tape". The U.S. has for some reason decided to save Oregon while the other parts of the U.S. go on with business as usual. You don't here about Eastern states having big developement projects stopped because of some salamander or toad.
- The last time I pulled a permit to replace a few pieces of siding and paint them I spent 10 hours putting together all the documentation I thought I needed and then still had to get more to satisfy the building department. Fortunately they were very helpful but it still took two trips almost 2 hours each and there was only 2 other people trying to get permits. We dont need to have plot plans and arial pictures of physical property with exacting descriptive locations, etc, just to do simple repairs or replace what is already existing. You should be able to call in and pay a fee for the level of work your

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are doing and provide addresses and descriptions of the work your doing with names and licenses and that be the end of the process.

- Yes, remove Davis-Bacon prevailing wages so smaller business can compete with the larger, and might I add, UNION companies!
- YES I know that the state needs money to over see the different business in the state, but I feel that fees and permits cost could be reduces if state managers would manage there people. There is a lot of duplications within the state agencys, which would help cut cost.
- I am not the best advise on this question. I do feel the state would be best advised to go toward apprenticeship rules in all trades to bring the quality of American work back to the high standards that it should be. With the price war type enviroment no one ends up winning. So many new companys in the Portland HVAC area have started due to the low paying jobs being offered. The quality of expected work has gone down hill fast and it is definatly in a downward spiral.
- We need to lower the cost of construction permits. The fees that are charged are getting out of hand.
- No
- Yes there are all types!, We pay to work in Oregon, we pay to be legal both the company and all employees need code training, safty, CPR, and some other fees forced to pay just to be a company and be legal here! We also pay dearly for Permits in each county, we have to pass the buck to the customer which then costs them more too.
- Yes. Development charges should go the way of the dodo, as well as over indulgent environmental impact studies.
- opinions are like assholes everyone has one!
- streamline permit and all government regulation appovals
- The state needs to look at the requirements for a general contractor the rules have changed a lot in the last 4 years and it is hard to have a small locally owned contracting business with the new rules and regs on bonding, insurance, and classifications of contractor.
- permit fees are way to high the cost scares pepole away from building. Regulations on land use should be relaxed what and where you can build on your property
- No
- Well why dont you pencil out a spec home project and see if theres any INCENTIVE there. If land prices keep coming down maybe that will give oppurtunity to investors.
- Absolutely! With all the environmental roadblocks, govt. regulations and ridiculous laws it takes much longer to even get a job started, and the costs are through the roof.
- archatects get payed too much.
- Government agencies are required to meet various small business procurement goals. For instance, an agency may be looking to contract with a minority-owned business to help it meet its federally-mandated goals. Note, however, that any small business can

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bid on government contracts, but the ones below are given a special leg-up. They are: Women-owned businesses, A small disadvantaged business, A veteran-owned business, A service-disabled veteran-owned business. I see this as a form of discrimination as well as it squashes free market that we in the US cherish.

- most of my projects are not affected
- I am just an employee and not a business owner, so my knowledge of regulations is not sufficient enough to give any useful advise.
- There are far too many environmental regulations. Think about the number of animals that are killed on our highway system. Had there been such insane environmental protections back then, the highway systems could never have been built. How about some common sense?
- None that I know of.
- None that I know of.
- Politicians are the biggest expense that should be streamlined, and that's because they only consider the interest of their friends and biggest contributors. Many of the inspectors for construction projects that the state has are not trained thoroughly in the trade they are inspecting, they should be tradesman or journeyman, and also given a fair livable wage. Not some politician's or businessman's lackey.
- The Oregon Building Codes Division has done a good job of streamlining the process of permitting etc.. What ever is done it is important not to compromise what Oregon has in regards to permitting and licensing of trades. I work with people nationally and Oregon has a great reputation in this area. Because of our licensing of some trades for example, the skill level is increased dramatically.
- Any large project should have automatic PLA's to guarantee a good product, living wage jobs and a job done safely that will last and not have millions in cost over-runs. Too many times non-union contractors purposely bid low to get the job then tack on unnecessary "extras" to make money.
- It seems that a home-owner cannot rake his leaves without requiring a permit. Ultimately

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when something needs to be accomplished at home, it has gotten to the point that their has to

be a government nose intrusion in all aspects. Minimize the need for generating revenue with

permit requirements. Minimize the need for government perusal. Provide for more individual

responsibility.

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• The largest bureaucracy hurdles we face lie in state in local permit costs and plan review. If

these services and fees were streamlined to better meet the needs of the customers it would

lower a small barrier for construction projects.

• The Government regulations need to be over hauled to get down to the basics and ask what do

we really need to keep Oregon safe and clean first of all, and then assist the companies to

strive as a whole for the growth and well being of the economy. I believe for starters the tax

structure needs to be changed in a way that Oregon has a sales tax so everyone that comes

into Oregon helps pay for the repair of roads, schools, and government not just the property

owners, and companies bearing the blunt of the cost. have a sales tax, and do away with the

property tax. As I visit Oregon now , I know that no matter what I do in the state of Oregon I

don't have to pay any taxes because I no longer live there. I use the roads, rest areas, and

other accommodations and not pay for one red cent of it. This has been up for the voters more

times then I can remember and it always comes back to get rid of the property tax and we'll

pass it. if the Government can get the people on there side how can you loose?

• SAIF sounds great on their own promos, but they are exorbitant and inefficient, quasi government, non competitive. Small businesses know that one major claim and they are out of

business. You are dropped. Same with liability insurance. Like med. insurance, lack of tort

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reform results in huge liabilities. For a small business, we all know that one significant claim against your liability insurance, regardless of the relative merit, and you are out of business.

You are dropped.

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- Permitting and plans review. But you can't expect a miracle out of an overworked, underpaid staff at most jurisdictions inspection departments. In the past year I have seen so many inspectors lose their jobs.
- Insurance premium calculations based on credit reports. You guys are pushed around too much by business lobbyists like the insurance companies. Please let the little guy have some breathing room.
- I would standardize the permit process state wide. Instead of having state, county and city permits for building, I would just have it one entity. I would make the permit process less expensive and more streamline.
- Just this year, the regulations have been changed that require a separate bond for working on commercial buildings vs. residential buildings. It just doubled the cost. Price for ccb licensing went up this year. How does this make it easier to decrease prices to stay competitive?
- N/A
- Items that are in excess of national building codes, Electrical codes, etc.
- The tone of this question appears aimed at cutting regulations which would make working conditions worse for the worker. Don't attempt to repeal any Davis-Bacon requirements.
- Yes. Bond and insurance rates are decided by credit rating and are unfair to those of us that have an exemplary work record but poor credit ratings due to divorce, medical bills and the failing economy. Legislate rates decided by a contractors business performance , job accident record.and driving record. There are lots of concientious, hard working, safety minded contractors whose credit scores are in the 500's due to circumstances beyond thier control. ie:

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divorce, medical bills and or the failing economy. Regulate Insurance and Bond rates based on a contractors record. The FICO score has nothing to do with our business, work and driving records. The insurance and bonding industry has priced us out of business. Furthermore. Homeowners that hire non licensed contractors and workers should be fined. We are having the bread taken out of our mouths by unlicensed workers who are deliberately sought out by homeowners and business managers. They are not held accountable when the job goes bad and the unlicensed guy disappears. All of us who have worked hard to meet all of Oregon's license and insurance requirements have no protection from these outlaws and their property owner enablers. If a property owner hires an unlicensed worker he should be held equally responsible for breaking the law and fined ,the same as the outlaw he hired. If the property owner wont disclose who the unlicensed workers are then fine him double. After all they are in Cahoots.

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- I haven't any idea about any of that. I know the plumbing regulations we have are here to protect you and, your family!
- the governor and the legislature
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- Not in a position to know that. Hard to believe we can't have something improved: perhaps a temporary 'jump start' easing of government expenses. The money isn't coming in to the government if nobody can to afford to start anything. Especially now. Everybody is hurting. Its better to have something than nothing - kinda like Priceline! Just be careful not to trim away safety.
- These regulations are in place to protect the owner, future owners and the neighborhoods were these projects are built.

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- Any govt. work should have constant monitoring of company doing work. Workers can't speak up because they are afraid of losing their jobs. Central Oregon is the outlaw region for this kind of problems
- Catch the cheaters on prevailing wage jobs, those contractors that are not paying the wage rate that the job requires.
- Lower permit fees that have been used to make up budget shortfalls. Encourage growth instead of obstructing it.
- Restrictive fees could be lowered such as permits, SDC's etc. Government sponsored projects should rely on local bids to keep the jobs in the local area. They should never be put out statewide.
- Put incentives in place that support energy efficiency and environmental health and inspires upgrades. Give owners and builders of such projects red carpet treatment through the process that facilitate timely approvals and collaborative government.
- Lower taxes on small business, Make sure Oregon Stimulus money goes to Oregon Contractors.
- EPA impact fees Planning and land use regulations. these two items need to be cut by at least 2/3 then make road construction a privately owned operation with just a few ODOT engineers to oversee work.
- I believe that Bend has done a terrible job with the management of SDC's. When things were booming in this area it did not appear that growth was paying its own way. Furthermore, increased taxation on business will further hinder our industry. Also I believe that more stringent enforcement for unlicensed contractors is necessary. In addition I pose the question; are certain building codes being overlooked or incorrectly interpreted as a means to cut costs?
- Inspections that need to take place on certain days especially Fridays in many jurisdictions can't

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take place because of four day work weeks or limited hours. This causes many hold ups for

contracters schedueling and putting their workers to work not to mention the banks holding

our feet to the fire to complete the jobs by a certain date or they won't release money.

Possibly the inspectors could have some sort of shift rotation where they may be available

Monday through Friday.

- I am tired of the state of oregon being goverend buy the tri countys

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- Yes low bid gets the job what ever it is or where there from wich leads to major cost over runs

and charges.

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- Perhaps urban boundry needs to be expanded.

- The biggest barrier to construction is the cost of insurance. Liability and workman's comp

insurance are heavy burdens to our contractors. As the cost of medical increases, the contractors are forced to make cuts in other areas. Contractors are rated by Workman's Comp.

insurance companies which in turn effects there ability to be hired. The less claims they have ,

the higher their score is. This means they must deny injured workers from making claims. A

person who makes a claim against an employer will probably never work for that contractor

again. Workman's Comp. premiums are going up and up, and the claims they are paying are

going down and down. They are the only industry that makes more profit by offering less

service. It's an expensive scam that hurts our economy. We need universal health care!!!!.

- Same as above

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- Yes. Many of the regulations requiring extensive review processes tie up lots of time and

money. There are outrageous requirements on septic systems that prevent many potential

home buyers/builders from starting a new project. I am convinced that we have become so

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"Green" that we have priced ourselves out of business.

- Yes. The building codes permitting and inspection process is cumbersome and expensive.

The state's business tax's are decidedly unattractive and deter growth and new business.

- COST TO PERMITS ARE OUTRAGEOUS AND TAKE FOREVER!

- Do not soften regulations.. a slippery slope.

- No real government regulations, seems the government helps the small business entrepreneur

to start up. Once that's begun, no real obstacles are impeding the projects.

- ON PROJECTS THAT HAS GOVERNMENT HANDS ON THEM THERE IS TOO MUCH PAPERWORK

TO FILL OUT AND TOO MUCH TIME TO GET PAID FOR WORK THAT WAS DONE.

- I am not knowledgeable in this area. Oversight of any industry is needed and I would like to

think Oregon is responsible enough to provide enough oversight but not so much as to hamper

quality work. US government projects are another story. Way too many hoops to jump through

and unnecessary inspections to complete the simplest of tasks.

- I am not a contractor, so I can't give you a specific example. Just like private business,

however, the longer the entity exists the more likely the need for restructure and update.

- not to my knowledge

- lower the permit fees

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- not enough knowledge to properly comment.

- Oregon has way too many "oregon rules". Electrical, plumbing etc. Most of these are based in

opinion not fact. If a national standard is good enough for everyone else, it should be good

enough for us. States that are way looser in code have no appreciable increase in fires attributed to building construction techniques and materials.

- Permit costs are way to high. The cost of having illegal immigrants doing our work drives

pricing the wrong direction for legitimate business playing by the rules.

- Simply from what I have read and heard, some municipalities (Large cities especially) can

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charge enormous fees that can be a detriment to development and have raised many a hackle,

but I sure dont see any way of reining it in on a statewide basis.....

- The only barrier to government jobs to me when I was and electrical contractor was the

excessive paperwork involved once you had the job.

- Elect a govenor and legislature that are pro small business, instead of taxing us out of existence to pay for social welfare programs and other entitlement programs that don't produce a dime to the economy

- People are afraid to spend their money, and sell because of taxes

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- same as above

- The main talk that I'm hearing is construction costs are higher in Oregon because of the

states regulations. Oregon has always been in the lead position for insuring safe construction

of our buildings, schools, bridges, etc. Demanding certifications and licensed personel insures

people are properly trained and know the codes. If we back off on this we are inviting out of

state contractors to come in and take Oregon jobs away. Plus these contractors will bring in

the cheapest help they can find; uncertified, untrained and unsafe. The expenses involved

with some of the permitting process should be looked at. If a company has all the proper

certification and a proven track record of good regulatory compliance, set a base minimum.

Use slightly higher fees for companies with no track record or regulatory issues since these

outfits take up more time of the regulatory agency.

- Government regulations will never be streamlined, because making them ever more complicated is how the people making them justify the existance of their jobs. Reminds me of

a line from an old Jerry Reed song: "It all sounds kind of funny, but it hurts too much to laugh"

- A large sum of Federal money through the stimulous programs is being wasted by the

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prevailing wage requirements placed on the construction industry. The governor and his friends

are allowing 20% of the work force to complete the projects at inflated wage rates while 80%

of the industry are chasing privately funded construction projects. I feel the BCC is a good

thing and they should be able to make money through enforcement fines and licenses rather

than cost the state money each year.

- Asbestos abatement requirements are absolutely ridiculous. Tiny amounts of asbestos in

drywall mud and ect causes existing building owners to spend huge sums to abate buildings

before remodel work can begin. This is not a public health hazard it is legalized fraud perpetrated by the State laws and abatement contractors. The permitting process and fees

involved are so high they are now a impediment to many projects being built. House prices are

so low it is almost impossible to build a spec house as there is not profit margin left.

- It's more of a mentality that it's open season on building contractors. We got a ticket in Lake

Oswego for double parking at a job site while unloading material.

- the government is in anything you do....why...I believe in safety...take for instance my husband's job...he's an electrician at a sawmill....this "safety" guy comes in the mill...thinking

my husband is doing something wrong...his first reaction is to fire him...this guy is throwing

around some kind of power trip and wouldn't know how to do what my husband does if his life

depended on it...which my husband's does

- Permit costs are not keeping my customers from projects. Deflated home prices, fear of job

loss are factors.

- I don't normally deal with these sorts of issues on a day-to-day basis, so I can't address them

intelligently. On those rare occasions when I have had to deal with them - usually having to do

with permits or inspections - the fees seem to me to be reasonably related to the costs of

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processing them, inspections are appropriately thorough without being unnecessarily timeconsuming

or time-wasting, are at least as "consumer friendly" as similar services in the private sector, can be easily scheduled, and occur in a timely manner. I have no complaints on that

score.

- Turn around on permits or any paperwork should have a 2 day max.

- I am not that familiar with these

- fees are a big deterrent to the cost of projects such as " system development fees"

- yes, contract language, over gov. involment [too many unnesasry stipulations, generally

engineers to icrese their job position or in public partissapation for monety gains] TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT! of course some is required to be involed/ make sure

that the job is done correctly. too much waste, there for; throwing away good reusable parts to

only replace w/identicle NEW parts.

- The government needs to move faster on environmental impact studies, I am an outdoorsman

and want to make sure we are not destroying our country and open lands, however I feel that

some of the environmentalist will go to great lengths to stop progress on many projects and

industries. We as a country should work harder in getting the Green Power moving forward,

such as wind and solar. I believe that the environmental impact on the relatively small areas of

land will do much more for our environment and quality of life, rather than to continue using

and increasing the current method of power generation.

- Goverment jobs should require U.S. made products.

- You need look no further than the Jordan Cove LNG project to see how lengthy the process can be.

- I like to look at this type of problem with a "reverse engineering" approach. Take a look at a

finished project and trace the steps backwards to see how many government interactions are

required. Eliminate duplicate efforts by combining forms, reducing some fees, or otherwise

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making construction something that can be more profitable. The "Lean Manufacturing" approach can also be used to see what works on the regulatory side of construction by reviewing existing practices to see if they actually provide benefits or are just there "because

that's the way it's always been done". There are no easy answers, because the questions are

complicated. This takes a methodical, honest, and deep evaluation of how and why things are

done. Government regulations were generally put into place because someone found a way to

cheat the system. Careful consideration was given to why something needed to be regulated.

De-regulation has failed on so many levels because it encourages cheating (think airlines,

energy, finance...or most any other de-regulated industry that caused economic bubbles to

burst and create recessions)

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• The new contractor registration will benefit the insurance and bond industry and not improve the construction industry.

• If at all possible local government construction jobs should be done by local labor force.

• I am not familiar enough with the gov't regulations & expenses involved with starting a new

construction project outside of job permits to offer any relevant commentary.....

• now is not the time for government to be focused on economy and balancing the budget. You

have the capacity to deficit spend in case of emergency, and with the economy teetering on

the razors edge of failing a vote of confidence, we could see a cascade of multi billion dollar

pension failures which could precipitate an international run on the US Treasury.

• reduce permits by 50%

• Stop WASTING my tax dollars!! I have to live with-in my means you should as well.

DECREASE

Peersonal Property taxes and INSTALL a State Sales Tax of 5%----you will benefit by ALL

residents & visitors paying for the roads, fuel, schools AND have enough money for emergencies. Loose the Kicker" & use it for emergencies, duh!

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- Yes there are too many fees/cost (out-right taxing is being more honest) which have been develop to support or pay for directors-managers and other worthless causes. We need less desk jobs to pay for! An example would be: BCD Plan reviews; we have profession shirkers who can milk a cow dry. If regulation is needed, an example would be, engineers, minimum of 4-6 years field experience beyond schooling as so many haven't a foggest idea how a project goes from education. Projects DO NOT follow book rules.
- Simplify, simplify, simplify! Need I say more?
- I don't know.
- The main barrier I see is the recession that we are presently in. I think that something is very wrong that nothing has been done after all these months to try to keep the banking industry from doing this to the American people.
- Yes--The list is substatial.
- 1.ELIMINATE ALL SPECIAL & Minority Classifications; all of my competitors are womenminority-disadvantaged owned on paper. The truth is that none of them have any women or minorities on staff; yet there are given special preferences in bidding. This is unfair and Un-American. 2.Building permits at the local level are going thru the roof, but I don't see any solutions to that problem and don't think that the state is responsbile for this situation.
- There must first be a need. If this current governmental body would take the time to look at what some private companies like "MERS" are getting away with in our state they would be outraged. Outright fraud, Daily activity that is totally illegal. Taking advantage of the Oregon people. Take a look at what Florida did with "Mortgage Electronic Recording Services". Extracting Billions from the mine feilds of Oregon. (and everywhere else)
- The wording of this question is very poor. If you want good answers, ask well worded questions. "If so explain"?? Your system is not right for stable work. You want to know more hire me for 4 hours. 1) Make it hard for out of state workers to work here. 2) Make it easy for

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Oregon workers to work jobs out of state. (specialized skills sell).

- Plan review, urban growth boundaries. The cities have hundreds of millions of dollars in escrow

accounts to prop up their pension and fringe benefits, they hold expensive land lots to sale at

top of market prices, then sell the hardest pieces that cost 3 times as much to develop and

then charge impact fees, on top of that.

- Repeal the new tax measures 66 and 67. We have all tightened up the belts on our end, why

doesn't our government do the same.

- Small businesses seem not to be able to hire workers without sky high costs and that many are

not even able to offer insurance anymore and still can hardly afford to employ for various

reasons

- No opinion.

- I would tell the electrical licensing department that they need to re-establish reciprocal

agreement with surrounding states. This would allow our current electricians to work out of

state without being re-licensed. I would do away with any state mandated requirements that

are in addition to the federal requirements for apprentices. The state apprentice office has

created rules that are more rigid than the federal requirement.

- Government is always a barrier to progress. When taxes are too high, work and people pull

back. Plain and simple economics here.

- Unsure at this time.

- None specific

- Streamline the permitting process for these large industrial and commercial projects. Do it here

at our State level. Just make it happen. If projects were run the way we run our government

they would never get completed. Let's get along and get it done.

- Every fee charged is slowly grinding the construction industry to a halt. The more money

charged puts less money in the hands of the people willing to spend it to help the economy.

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this is a vicious circle the government has decided to interrupt by charging fees that stop the ability for businesses to grow and expand.

- Taxes and Code changes. Too much money is wasted changing codes that effect people downstream.

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- Possibly some changes in zoning and land use restrictions or procedures to make it go faster.

- Listen, I just finished a 5 x 8 additon on a house. Between the red tape and inspections that small project cost \$650.00 for permitts alone. Any project that small should never even have to

have a permit. Just inspections and it would have been no expense to the home owner.

- To many regulations are always the bane of enterprise moving forward, but we all seem to enjoy the protection of high standards of safety (very costly) health care being provided in

spite of how poorly we take care of our own health, and having someone else take the risks of

liability etc. in making changes and improvements to our surroundings. Again we seem to

need inspirational leadership that is somehow immune from cynacism to take steps to move forward.

- I belive government should be there to serve. Lane county building department makes it a pain

in the ass to do any project and the added expense for them to hassle you makes things not worthwhile.

- Thanks to politicians, bankers and corporations this question means nothing

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- All energy conservation cost should be 100% tax deductable as this creates jobs and by

broading the tax base it becomes a 1 to 1 ratio. Sell windows, furnaces, solar panels ect., not

tomention conservation is 70% cheaper than providing addition energy produced.

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- I have no idea my employer deals with that

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- Yes there. We need small government!! Measures 66 and 67 are taking Oregon backwards...we have to tighten our belts...why cant government? Government is wasteful and inefficient no doubt and it is everywhere in every part of it.
- There are environmental rules that are taking literally millions and possibly billions of dollars of capital from businesses that would be better used on expansion and upgrade of properties that would help not only help business but tax bases.
- Yes to many special interest groups, and government within government.
- don't know
- The Oregon Washington reciprocity agreement for electrical workers to be reinstated to help people get back to work instead of putting people out of work. This would also help enable companies to stop using non licensed electricians.
- YES Permits are expensive and take too long and subject to too much regulation
- see above comment
- Yes, I install and service alarm systems in homes and businesses. I have been doing so since the idea that such people would be licensed by the state with the need for continuing education. I think this is a great idea in some respects but the follow through just doesn't cut the mustard. To get licensed to do what I do, a person presently needs an employer that will shell out both time and money to help this person jump through the hoops set up by the state. I have an apprentice that just started in the educational part to become a low voltage electrician. To become a low voltage electrician he will need to drive to Albany from Newport on Tuesday nights for three years. He will have to pass the high voltage electrician test in order to become a low voltage electrician. I don't do what they do and they don't do what I do. The educational process as I am told was set up by the Union in order to suppress independents from entering the trade. What I would like to see is a break down in the license. You could do

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it by the square footage of the building or by the building usage. Homes and small business as one grade of license, hospitals, high rise, schools ... as another grade of license. I don't think it is necessary to have to go through a three year process to install an alarm system in your home. The thought 30 years ago, was that we need to regulate those that are installing these systems to help bring up the standards. Well I'm here to say that it is just as scary for the consumer today as it was thirty years ago. You have businesses that do good work and you have businesses that don't. Having a license does not make it any easier for the consumer

- \$130 mandatory training to take a \$100 test. Then who knows how much for bond and insurance. Then I have to take another test because you require electricians to have a "supervisory" license. Then \$375 to get you to stamp "electrical contractor" on a card. The extra code requirements that Oregon adds are expensive and inserted by some people who don't have to work for a living.
- I believe the basic building department permit fees are reasonable and fair. What is getting way out of hand is the tacked on system development fees by other agencies such as planning, water departments, and sewerage agencies, etc. These fees are added in to the building department permit fees and should be separated or there should be a "holiday" or discount period from them
- ALL the regulations should be stream-lined.
- Besides "Little Davis-Bacon" there many small regulations which add up to major obstacles.
- Building Permits are out of site cost wise, and the regulations are killing the economy. I, being a retired electrician have seen the escalation of regulations on our industry and I realize that they were all put in place, each for it's own good reason, but while you were stacking the straw on the camels back, the last one was too much. Maybe a moratorium on new regulations for a

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few years and look closely at the ones already in place with a careful eye for unnecessary and duplication of effort. Also maybe repeal some things that only help the 1/100000000 case

items. Regulation to a point is good, Over regulation stops all forward movement. I believe

strongly in safety on the job, but there again some of the regulations have become onerous

due in big part to the insurance industries requirements on the employers. The proverbial

OSHA cowboy that can't move for all of the safety harnesses and hobbles are slowing production and competence. People have to be able to move without 40 layers of protective

gear to be able to get a job done. (figuratively of course)

- The overall tax rate in Oregon is too high. Doesn't make the state business friendly.
- loan money, government regulations are not the problem people in government are the problem
- YES!!!! Loosen up the requirement to obtain state lic. plumber & electrician positions.

Also

make the state build. dept heads follow the OARS to make changes, not just an office decision by dept heads.....OARS needs top be revied & loosened up as well... some codes are

beyond affordability of most oOregon residents, but done w/o comprimising major building

safety concerns. Gov. in general has their nose far too far into the private lives of citizens.

Passing laws that require insurances, & then passing more laws that increase INs. Co.'s bottom lines....

- The permits and fees to build even a single family home have gotten completely out of control.

I realize most of these are county/city fees, but they need to be reduced to help encourage building.

- I am not familiar enough to give an accurate response.
- If you mean licensing, inpections, fees, and other means ro raise revenue, then no! If you

mean ones which allow outside workers, and foreign workers to take citizens jobs, or federal

counter incentives which allow outsourcing then yes, protect our jobs.

- I'm sure there are.

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- SEE Above
- Siting, permitting and environmental can cause delays. Should be as streamlined as possible.
- The only thing I can think of is everything across the board is over taxed & over regulated by government. Government does the taxpayers a dis-service by only accepting the lowest bid on projects and not considering the best bid. Quality construction & quality engineering comes with a price and in the long run you get a better product.
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- refer to 1-cut the fees,surcharges,and taxes!
- Regulations is the biggest issue.
- Crack downs on illegal aliens. Fine businesses if caught employing them. Send them back home so we don't have to keep paying for everything for them.
- Again, you have the resources to determined these facts. The bottom line and I'm sure you now this, is that no company is doing well enough to have , or spend any money. You know the programs that may lesson the grip on companies, not only construction companies, all companies, so they have the capital to survive and grow. This will help construction companies as well as general retail, witch in turn will have the capital to expand and give jobs to construction companies. I know that I'm not telling you anything that you do not already know.
- I think companies that do illegal work, or work that is against codes should actually get fined.
There was a fly by night company that did work in my trade, and an inspector came by and kicked them off the job, but didn't fine them. So the company they were doing work for us called us to have us do the work, and we got a permit for the job. Then the fly by night company came in and finished the work later before we got in there. So we went back to the county to get our money back for the permit, and they wouldn't offer us a refund, and they wouldn't go after the fly by night company who did the work illegally and fine them. So we got

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screwed for doing the right thing there.

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• see answer #1

• Lower Taxes

• I work in the electric utility industry, which has a considerable share of projects in Oregon. It's

not like there is one particular barrier, it's a PLETHORA of BARRIERS. There is ODFW, DEQ,

OR-OSHA, Historical and Archeological Surveys, County permits, etc. I lean liberal on most

issues, but first hand experience tells me that government is generally too large, complex,

inefficient, and bureaucratic. Even some of the new safety rules (arc-flash for example) from

OR-OSHA look excessive (and expensive) to me. I doubt if anyone bothers to study if new

rules and laws really have the intended benefit and cost, after they've been passed.

Perhaps

we need a law that requires this type of audit. Laws and rules tend to be "open loop" as we

say in the control systems business -- without any feedback to let the system know if the

process responded correctly. "Open loop" systems tend to be inefficient and not work very

well...

• Since I am not a builder, I can't speak specifically, however, there are a lot of jurisdictional

fees associated with developing property and these fees are directly passed on to the consumer. Cut or remove these fees.

• Businesses and employers of workers are virtually all "incorporated." The State of Oregon just

invited most incorporated businesses to move elsewhere. Oregon Legislature will no doubt do

what they always do when faced with a challenge; Create bigger government and more taxes

by scaring and threatening voters to pass the new initiatives they put on the ballot.

• Stop all of the BS environmental impact studies that take years-If you want to know about how

many things are going to impact an area-talk to some of the resident old timers of that areathey

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have probably made the same mistakes before. Lighten up on the permit costs too—it's a recession you know.

- I believe in the codes we have but I honestly feel and have seen them ignored and the

inspection process looking past it, fix that if you can.

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- All permit fees are very extreme for the amount of work each inspector does per job. \$250

permit for an inspector that is on the job less than 5 minutes. ODOT is the worst, we have 2

inspectors on our job right now getting overtime and per diem every week to stand and watch

us work. pretty funny and a complete waste of money. if you eliminated ODOT and contracted

out everything 100 times work would get done for a tenth of the price.

- I can't speak on that.

- Eliminate the minority preference system. We want the best people doing the best job, not the most politically correct.

- Every tax on business is a barrier to construction projects. Remove taxes and business will increase!

- The Gov. regulates the little guys so they cannot compete against the big companies that own the market share. Thus shooting themselves in the foot. A reversal of Henry Ford's ideals.

Harvard teaches that "Government is the self-serving entity of businessmen". If you're greedy or

already wealthy sure you'll believe that. But in the long run all America has ever really had was

a great country, freedom with good leadership. The last several years the leadership never

taught the people sound economics, morals, just excessive want, selfish and self-centered

unregulated greed...A bonus while your bankrupting the company! Grow a brain let go of the

EGO

- No

- Having to license business in each city that you're subbing in is a ridiculous expense.

All

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permits should be done on-line, to save time and money. Continuing education is pretty much

a joke; all you have to do is put in time; it's not a well-developed program - either make it

worthwhile, or drop it.

- repeal measure 5

- The entire state government is bloated and inefficient. There is one board or bureau with its

meddling fingers in every construction project. Permit fees, systems development fees, plan

review fees and forever one more public employee telling the people who know how to do the

what to do.

- I don't have much to do with that aspect of the job, but I understand that permit fees, plan

review fees, and "environmental impact studies" can be quite cost prohibitive, if not outright

silly.

- I am an electrician not a politician

- Permitting processes could be streamlined. Unnecessary requirements such as land stability

surveys in stable areas just add cost and delay to projects without any gain for the end product.

- Way to much beaurocratic red tape and hoops to jump through. The stimulus funds are a

prime example of wasting of tax money on projects that did not need to be completed. More

time is spent on completing paperwork than actually completing projects. Money has been

wasted and spent by ODOT completing a Federal Hwy EIS report which federal hwy turned

around and sent it back because they didnt like the format which has delayed a project that

would stimulate the economy locally in Yamhill County.

- Impact fees have become a major barrier to construction projects.

- I don't have any complaints about government regulations or expenses.

- WE HAVE A LOCAL PROJECT THAT IS DEAD BECAUSE THE LOCAL UTILITY WHATS TO MUCH

TO RUN POWER TO THE GOVERMENT SHOULD JUMP IN AND TAKE CONTROL TO BUILD

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JOBS

- Recent raise in corporate taxes provides a great incentive to build elsewhere. All contractors should be treated equally, i.e., no special deals for minority contractors or union shops.
- State and federal jobs are not set up for small business the bonding requirements, insurance costs, payroll tax, contract requirements, and prevailing wage, limit the bidders to the large union backed company, with deep pockets and federal funding
- Consistency in jurisdictions would be great
- Get someone in charge, accountable, and move. Don't debate for years, fix our infrastructure before it falls down.
- Cut taxes, gut the state department of education and use the money for schools rather than all the worthless state employees in dept of education that suck up the taxpayers tax money.
- Permit fees and SDC's need to be lowered just like prices in the private sector. Perhaps counties should take over inspections during slow times instead of two jurisdictions serving the same area.
- Endless permitting process.
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- I think that licencing for construction workers could have reduced fees and also the government could set up even more training for workers so that they are better educated and more adaptable to the ever changing construction environment. This would make it so that construction projects would be more efficient and not have to search for highly skilled trades people.
- The recent tax measures that passed show me how stupid people are. The mentality of taxing the other guy, or the faceless corporations without recourse, slays me. People are being cautious when you pull money out of their pockets it will just piss them off. Corporations will always pass on their overhead guess who pays in the end. The Willamette valley should not

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control the state , If portlanders want to keep it "weird" thats ok, but please don't pull me down that hole.

- Standard acceptable material list would streamline projects
- No I like most regulations. Please protect environment - don't roll over and let them push You around right now under the excuse it will creat jobs.
- taxes
- None of the charges in themselves are too much but the cumulative effect is choking us all , and Salem has little to NO sense of fair play and behaves like a bunch of nazi's , i.e. your guilty until you prove yourself innocent !
- I dont know what the anwser is, But I will say that it seems every time there is a proposal to build anything on the south coast ie; LNG plant, Steel mill there is a certain group of people that are out of touch with reality, and they go out of there way to stop any type of growth.
- Yes. All fees and regulations by government interfere with doing business.
- there are alot of loops for a business to jump through which pushes many businesses into looking for different states to setup their business
- Not that I'm aware of. Fee's seem normal compared to other states.
- Permit cost...
- Yes, some of the permitting fees are ridiculous for construction projects. The land use laws we have in our state are not business friendly.
- Some counties are very difficult to build in because of the extreme permitting policies and fees they assess. They seam to consider it a revenue stream to justify larger staffs then to assure codes and regulations are followed.
- IFR WE WOULD ENFORCE THE REGULATIONS MORE WORKER WITH OREGON LICENSE WOULD BE WORKING NOT OUT OF STATE WORKER WITH OUT OREGON LICENSE.
- the worst regulations are those that require bilingual this requires that that others supervisors must be bilingual to deal with workers.

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- Make the Electrical Journeyman lic. all general so the guys tyhe work in the mills and in manufacturing can get jobs when times are tough.
- Too many regulations-overprocessing is expensive and time consuming. Labor is burdened with too much bureaucracy. Look at the Oregon Contractor's Manual fo examples of layering.
- NO!!!!!!!!!! Just because a building or project meets code doesn't mean it is built right.
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- NOT sure
- City of Portland development and permitting needs to be streamlined to allow projects faster startup. The permitting departments around the state are still under educated as per renewable energy systems. Too many "good old boys" toeing the old school mentality of what a construction project is about. My field Solar PV gets looked at closely and at times held up due to a "union" bias by the electrical and building inspectors.
- I am not sure that this area is actually a barrier of any sort.
- Not sure
- Not much knowledge
- It would be nice if the gov would stop trying to fix things that is what got us here in the first place.
- Land use laws are prohibitive. Loosen up land use laws and lower system development fees.
- Everyday you waste talking about it, The price of labor goes up, Material Costs go UP and so do HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, etc,etc. With HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS rising at 16% per year, EVERY YEAR YOU TALK ABOUT THE PRICE GOES UP, DO THE MATH.....
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- Just a bazillion fees and two bazillion regulations. YoA negative constrainu can't seem to change a light bulb without a permit.
- Every jurisdiction I work in can require me to purchace a business licence in addition to my CCB licence, my electrical contractors licence, my electrical supervisors licence, and my state business licence. Now my vehicle registration fees have gone up. It gets frustrating to keep

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writing these checks.

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- let the building code dep. do there job . and stop lobbies from changes thing we have a good system going
- Not sure.
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- How much beuracracy and multiple peer review do we really need? If our environment is at stake it should be a no brainer, but how many of the government agencies need to say the same thing.
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- Licensing fees required by everybody and there brother which is making it very hard for people too even try too start a buisness.
- Not that I am aware of.
- Put an end to the drive-by inspections, hire inspectors that are actually in their field and have experience. It levels the playing field for all competition. We are getting too many inspectors that are passing things that they dont even know what they are looking at.
- eliminate prevailing wage
- Elimination of barriers to energy development and exploration in the US should be the highest priority. Here we are sitting on massive amounts of natural gas and shale oil deposits and we're going broke. This is crazy. If the US put maximum research and effort into responsibly developing our energy resources of natural gas, coal and shale deposits we could put thousands to work in mining, power plant construction, operations and all maintenance and support industries. Energy is money and the key to our economic freedom and the transmission system to get it to market is here in Oregon. Build power plants here. Forget wind and solar for large scale power production. Wind is dependent on the WIND so it only works when it blows and is inconsistant as a true dependable power source. This was proven last November

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during the high pressure ridge cold snap and there was no wind up on the Columbia gorge
wind farms. Solar is too expensive, still. It's great for single residential and off grid applications
if you have the money to invest. And: Forget the CO2 debate.

- - The building codes are getting to ridiculous. If I want a certain light fixture in my house I should be able to install it. It is my house!!!
 - Coordination. Please work more actively with the potential customers. No one likes running around and crossing T's and dotting I's when it really should all be handled by one bureaucracy.
 - not that cause any major barrier
 - You mean that maybe the recent hike in fees for just about everything could stifle growth!?
- Oh!, can we do something with the environmental abstructionist preventing us from building new Natural Gas plants, or building and keeping clean and safe dams, or building a new modern nuclear power plant?
- Yes, people always get stupied when it comes to regulations. It seeems they regulate to make money, not to make things better for the community.
 - Fees and regulations. Repeal measure 49 that completely gutted measure 37 and inhibits construction.
 - The power that an Inspector has especially in the area of Authority Having Jurisdiction needs to be restricted to the code and regulations with soon common sense applied. Charges are always an inplact and however when a jurisdiction limits a number of inspections to be had on a permit no matter what the cost of that permit then it charges additions fees for inspections and looks for ways to nick and dime the contractor Ibelieve that this needs to stopped.
 - Building codes exist for a reason and they should stay that way.
 - The entire permit/fee process is causing a lot of customers to forego, in my case, electrical work. It seems that the collection of permit fees is a money making proposition with little

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concern for public safety. A special permit to install a low-voltage door bell? Come on! "Plan

Review" is another nut buster, in my opinion. Where do these "reviewers" get their expertise?

Does anyone watch over them? It is usually easy to challenge their decisions, but it all takes

time, often too much time with the result the whole project being scuttled.

- Streamline applications for and standardize permits for RENEWABLE ENERGY projects in

Oregon. Having county by county permit requirements slows the process and makes it more

expensive for Oregonians to adopt renewable energy into their home and business.

- Oftentimes, permits on jobs can be expensive, which works against construction.

- PLEASE reduce the price of licensing.

- lack of financing

- Permit cost. Higher skilled inspectors.

- Let me count the ways. Permit cost and the permitting process continue to grow.

Licensing as

well. Bonding requirements have spiraled. Land use restrictions. Duplication, yes even triplication of government that could be streamlined (Portland, Metro, Multnomah County). It is

ture, again, what Winston Churchill said "Some see free enterprise as a predatory target to be

shot, some see it as a cow to be milked, but few see it as the sturdy horse that pulls the

wagon".

- More incentives to do lighting upgrades.

- n/a

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- Permitting and license fees are quite expensive and very redundant as the state requires \$ and

the counties require \$ and the cities require \$. What does that do to help encourage business?

- The permit fees should cover: inspectors and things like plan review (where is Haiti's ?). The

extra money should not be taken out of their budget to go to citys or states general budget.

- The state should help with traffic control and road modifications required by many municipalities when a significant traffic impact is expected.

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• Regulation: see #1 Expenses: (initially my response would be.. 'Of COURSE there are~')

...however... that is a VAST and vague topic -- please note though, that I am not schooled in

business finances and do not intend to purport that I have the answers

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permits. These fees can and do deter some from building in these areas. I have been involved

in many construction projects funded by public money. I see a lot of wasted money in finishes

and fancy architecture. Too many instances over the years, but I will point out one for example. I was involved in the construction of a new middle school, 6th-8th grades.

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covering the floors and steps up to the office. This was not just a little bit of expensive green

marble, it was a lot. To the tune of tens of thousands of dollars. I could not help but think,

'how many computers would that of bought, or could a teacher have been hired for the cost?'

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- Many EPA regulations are simply ridiculous. Some need to be revisited (briefly...not studied)

and eliminated.

- decrease amount of paperwork associated with having a business here. increase the scope of

work a construction company can do with their license. If an electrical contractor wants to do

both residential and large commercial they need two licenses, that is a burden on a small

company.

- Check out the System Development charges in just about any jurisdiction in Oregon, how can a

business make a profit at these rates and don't give me these are pass-through fees, cut

bureaucracy and the expenses associated with it.

- Safety regulations have become burdensome and excessive to a fault. They have caused major

increases in job costs and productivity. Safety is very important but the rules and regulations in

place are over the top. The most important safety factor is to speak fluent english and not to

not need an interpreter when you are creating safety hazards for others. How can you understand what is being said at the safety meetings if you can't speak english?

- Combine all permitting fees and inspection requests into an online statewide standard that has

some consistency from city to city and county to county.

- None that should be eliminated

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- Lower permit fees and streamline the permit process
- The permits just keep going up. You have to have a permit for each and every kind of cable you pull in a building. Such as T. V., CCTV, Cat 3 ,Cat 5 , Cat6. Burg. Fire , Paging, Fiber optic and any medical cables. This means that you could have 5 or 6 permits to wire a small office. Each permit is about \$ 60.00 or more.
- Some permit fees are ridiculous. For ex. I wanted to build a house on my property in Multnomah Co which has a mobile home now. I was told I would have to permit my existing driveway, my existing power service and my existing septic tank and drainfield. I decided I did not need a new house.
- One of the major obstacles to contractors are the local jurisdictions. They force fees and mandates on contractors that are repetitive and expensive and designed more for income than for the cities good.
- just lack of financing for projects
- Yes, Permits are to high people have illegal substandard side work performed instead of calling a licensed contractor because they cannot afford it. This hurts the licensed contractors and the safety of work being performed. I must now on top of my electrical continuing education take classes for my contractors license. I cannot believe that I am now required to take 48 hours of education every 3 years. Also goverment takes a special interest in protecting the rights of consumers while making it difficult for honest contractors to recover unpaid contracts. I do not believe goverment understands how much small buisness is suffering.
- No opinion.
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- The licencing board has been taken over by the union. With a ruber stamp from the legislature any policys that the union wants, they pass, and they are not encouraging for business. I work in the trades and I am more afraid of the government ruining my carrer than

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any of the competition.

- simplify things. School dont need to be built like a piece of art. Were wasting money.

Put

desks and chairs in rooms not all this fancy stuff. Im 34 years old and I got a better schooling

then than my kids do today. Theres something wrong with that. Our students of today drop

out because that feel our schools are a joke. ARE THEY WRONG?

- Expand OMWESB requests to all phases of projects, not just as a percentage of one portion of

a project. This would allow for more competitive bidding from different trades and satisfy

SBA/HUD regulations.

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- No

- CCB - PERMIT COST AND PROCESS GETTING PERMITS

- To many fees to build, and regulations.

- I think if your going to allow non-neighboring states to come to OR and work they should be taxed.

- The premitting process seems to be cumbersome, time consuming, and expensive.

- I do not feel that the current permitting and project review process is over demanding. This

process issues compliance with all building codes and improved job quality. Many cities and

counties have already cut staff to reduce costs putting increased burdens on all review parties.

Changing the review process will create more problems than it will solve.

- Permit process and all the hoops you need to jump through is a joke. The fees for permits,DEQ

and planning needs to be reduced to allow more construction projects to be built. WET LANDS

another joke you own land ,you want to build, or have started to build,oh no the state says wet

land, stop building and heres your FINE. Ive seen it !!!

- Permitting process is taking way to long.

- Prevailing wage rates are way to high. If these were reduced more people could work and

projects could be done for a lot less.

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- Have you ever noticed how many different licenses there are? It's ridiculous, very burdensome to the individual, plus there is little if any field enforcement. Bad deal all around.
- State licensing should continue to be required for electricians, plumbers and other trades professionals that wish to work in Oregon to keep up the quality of the labor force.
- There are too many regulations of all types, and way too much government spending in Oregon. Reduce state spending across the board, reduce corporate taxes, especially the two onerous measures just passed, and allow businesses to start recovering from this recession.
- Not sure.
- We need less government, that only cost more in taxes. What makes money is the private industry and the government is choking them with taxes, fees, and paperwork up the *** building codes are great, they need to be in place, but for what is charged for these codes and what is received is outrageous. Insurance costs for business' is extremely high, everything cost more to be in business, yet we are also expected to pay more in fees and taxes on top of it.
- The Byzantine land use regulations and interminable delays at the local level are major barriers to development. The legislature should put some teeth in the requirements that local government act in a timely and equitably manner.
- high cost for new construction fees and permits
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- Not sure here
- Don't take away from this great state by going after hard won safety regulations.
- Too bad welfair is not as hard to get as a building permit..... Its a shame that property owners are not permitted to do things with there own property. I do understand limitations but some of these limitations are EXTREAMLY excessive. Is there some reason that building departments have to be ran by the government... It would make sense for it to be ran by a private organization and monitored by the government. Again simple economics.....Everyone

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knows that Private enterprise does everything more efficiently and cost effectively than the

government..... again a no brainer

- DEQ think they are GOD.
- The permitting process is long and cumbersome. Some delays are in excess of a year. Land

use issues come into play, Neighborhood groups fight at every change and jurisdictions require

waiting periods for dissent.

- See #1 above. This separation between the licenses does not make any sense because the

skill levels of Manufacturing Electrical license holder and the Residential license holder are

almost identical. And at this time the Residential Electrician can actually work within a Manufacturing facility but the Manufacturing Electrician can not work residential.

Allowing

more Electricians to freely provide their identical skills in both areas would open up competition

for their services thus providing incentives to contractors to hire qualified electricians at a more

reasonable cost when more skilled electricians are competing for the same jobs.

- The new energy code being proposed will increase costs without a dramatic reduction in use of

energy. Adopting new building codes every three years is a waste of money. The new code

making panels have been hijacked by special interest groups and are no longer only about

safety.

- here is how our so called gov works now .we wait for the next economic tsunami to engulf us

then panic and enact some bullshit laws to save the very ones who fucked it all up and should

be in jail .then spin it like hell and blame it on anybody else

- You Need to enforce the license issue and stop non license people from working , doing jobs

that Oregon license holders should be doing , enforce Oregon license laws

- Zoning restrictions in rural and farming areas should be revised to allow growth outside of

cities so that people can afford property where they can sustain themselves with agriculture.

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Get rid of taxes and regulations which penalize the growth of the family. Encourage family value and give tax incentives for those who stand true to their families. Strong families make better financial decisions. Strong families make strong communities, which make a stronger Oregon. Remodeling should be allowed without taxes or fees. Lose non-essential public services and artistic funding. Let people use the woods. Quit killing the fish and don't introduce predators into the wild-woods. Let peoples homes be their castles and they will spend into the economy to improve them. A feudal system like ours cannot freely grow. If you make people feel like they don't own their property, eventually they won't.

- Lack of enforcement of current Oregon laws requiring Licensing take away major work from everybody doing it right.
- No knowledge on this subject.
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- By creating a new division of workers to deal with the project initiatives, the barriers to success are limited only to the number of participants that are willing to accept a lower cost housing upgrade. Individuals may not understand how to navigate the legal boundaries to get energy savings, but the experts will be armed to provide assistance.
- I don't know of any specifically.
- No. The reason for the mess we are in is in large part due to the removing of regulations in the private sector. Enron...remember them? and what they did to us and California? We need stricter regulatory control and different regulations to protect the public from scam artists and rogue corporations. I know this goes against the grain but many want for themselves and their families while not considering the larger good, the public health, wildlife, and of course the poor. Giving hope to the poor should be a part of every decision you make in the State of

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Oregon.

- Not sure. We need to allow companies that want to build and expand the opportunity to do

so. Maybe there is some red tape that does not allow this to happen.

- PRIVITIZE ALL EDUCATION, ALLOW HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANIES TO COMPETE ACROSS

STATE BOARDERS WHEN DESIGNING FOR LARGE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS I-5 BRIDGE

OVER DESIGN TO SUPPORT BIKE LANES LIGHT RAIL ETC. SO WHEN THESE DIFFERENT

INTERESTS CAN RAISE THE FUNDS THEY CAN LAY THE TRACK OR PAVEMENT TO ACOMPLISH

ANY SPECIAL INTEREST GOAL ON SUCH A STURCTURE AND ADD TWICE THE NUMBER OF

TRAFFIC LANES CURRENTLLY REQUIRED SO WE DON'T HAVE TO STUDY THIS TYPE OF

PROJECT TO DEATH FOR DECADES TO COME THE FUNDS SAVED FROM FUTURE STUDIES

WILL FUND THE ADDITIONAL LANES.

- yes..make banks accountable but release funding to expedite constuction to the infrastructures.

- The state bill for the "stream line" of the permitting process (not available in Klamath County

but still required to pay for it) added several jobs at the state level and largely increased the

permit fee. I personally know of projects that were put on hold after the fees were calculated

because it pushed the ROI out to far.

- Take off all developement charges levied to permit seekers and only add these extra costs to

the closing costs for the purchaser. The very high overhead to start construction of a home

adds a great deal of interest costs to a builder who may or maynot recover 100% of this front

end load at the time of sale.Construction loans are expensive and may not even be available so

the builder takes all the risk while the government greedly pockets his construction funds.

These not insignificant fees are hidden from the buyer. If these fees are collected at closing,

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the buyer can finance them with the purchase price of the home and sees how much they have contributed to building the infrastructure of their new neighborhood. Some builders may even return to building "spec" homes as the front end load would be more affordable. Look at how many large successful builders went broke due to the high costs of paying construction loans when sales slowed down. It's obvious these extra fees overburden the small business man.

- Permit processes and the amount of time and costs required to obtain such
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- As long as we have the highest minimum wage and tax rate in the nation that our economy is going to expand.
- insurance rates are high. very to be a contractor do to the new regulations i.e. classifications from the ccb
- Yes. I believe some of the environmental issues need to be relaxed as they have more control over projects being built.
- As in Canada, the US should enact a national license program for the licensed trades. This state to state, and in some cases local to local jurisdictional licensing is too expensive to allow tradespeople to move from one location to another in order to acquire work.
- Yes, one good example is an LNG terminal proposed by Mr. Ken Leahy. He has a prime lot on the colombia river that would create construction jobs and residual jobs after the project was completed. The barriers are both Washington and Oregon legislatures battling him because of environmentalist group pressures. I have first hand knowledge of this.
- Fees and Taxes. Measure 66 and 67 along with the all the other fees, permits and taxes that are driving businesses out of Oregon and the United States!!!!
- We have far too many regulations. "Stream-lining" those regulations will not help. We need to remove them. Urban growth boundaries have only served to artificially raise the cost of developable land within the boundaries. Ever since the passage of Measure 5, local

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government beauracrats have sought to reapeace lost tax revenue with "fees". These fees are killing construction projects.

- This really doesn't pertain to what I do.
- Taxes. The state of Oregon needs to lure business into the state by having a favorable Tax

structure for business. The recent enactment of Prop 66 and 67 are exactly the opposite of what the state should be doing.

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- I agree with safety improvements that have been put into place over the years, but I wonder have we gone to far with some of the earthquake requirments, and requiring sprinkler systems in residential single family homes, these requirments can really impact the cost of building.

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- re-proportioning of add-on costs to small businesses.
- there is no consistent approach to code interpretation from city to city and getting permits for repair or small projects under \$25,000 is ludicrous. Many of the inspectors should be minimizing travel but go out of the way to leave the main offices for minor items that could be checked by another or give conditional approval for minor items to be checked on later.

- The city of Portlands land use commision has benched many buildings by dictating exterior expensive skin systems on tall buildings. If they want expensive looks they need to pay for them.

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- Just from what I have heard on the job, taxes and fees are often sited as detriments to building and for companies to move here.

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- I don't know for sure.

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- Outlandish infrastructure fees
- not sure

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- The fees for someone that is trying to get started on a project have gone up to a point that a lot of people just don't have the money and they are not prepared for the shock of it. I had one customer, that we have worked for in the past, and he likes to build out of pocket as he gets the funds. He was shocked when he found that just the permits and fees were over \$20,000.00 before he could even start on his house.
- See Above, permitting fees, rules that dont make sense, inspectors that inspect to the letter of the law of the applicable codes instead of the "intent" of the code.
- Building permit prices are a bit steep.
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- If measure 67 had been in effect during our start up years, it may have been enough to either prevent our new owners from purchasing and restarting this paper mill, or could have negatively impact our success. It will certainly be a consideration for startups in our state; potentially a big loss to our economy. A stronger economy starts with employers and leads to employment, which means more taxpayers.
- Not sure.
- No, I don't believe so.
- Federal drivers license, Not states. one data base.All roads should belong to the State. One Agency.
- Yes, there are many projects that have been tied up in government red tape. For instance the natural gas pipe line job, that would put food on the table for lots of oregon families. Plus give oregonians permanant jobs once the plant was built and in operation.
- Yes and yes. There are too many regulations that are anti-productive. Oregon does not have a business friendly enviornment for new businesses to locate here thus limiting construction opportunities.
- t is clear and apparent that the State government and Metro are driving residential costs out

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of the world of reality. We need more Fees so the government can study a situation!!!!

It's out

of control...and personally I'm moving my family out of this fascist State

- See #1

- The overall running of government as a business is totally inadequate. If a business was run like

the government they would be totally out of business. If you look at the state & federal government employment I believe you will find that they employ about 51% of the work force in

the state. I am not sure how 49% of the work force taxes are paying to employ 51% .

It is

mandatory for the government agency's take a long hard look (as any business must do) the

business plan and stay with-in the budget constraints.

- Contractors board regulations, and union sponsored legislation. Oregon apprenticeship board

- Enforcement of codes and standards in not uniform between jurisdictions (city, county, state,

etc). Don't get me wrong - I believe in high standards and enforcement but owners that are

making honest efforts to make positive improvement in safety and conditions get scared off (or

over-priced out) because so many "new" requirements are imposed.

- yes. eliminate all regulations that address co2 and other "greenhouse gas" emissions. Manmade

global warming prevention is a senseless drain on the economy based on faulty and fabricated "science".

- not sure

- Inspections are a waste of money. If the inspector would actually inspect there would not be

all these problems. If I pay for a permit to do the work and an inspector comes to make sure I

did it correctly then the liability should be on the inspector, right? I know I could pass every

inspection I have ever had without performing the work correctly. Why do I have to pay an

inspector to come out and look at nothing. Since many of them have been laid off they get to

swamped with work and they just call and fine me over the phone. Why am I paying for these

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permits?

- Local County Building and Planning Departments impede construction processes & schedules and drive up construction costs by forcing builders and contractors to implement unnecessary and unrelated improvements to the job at hand. Knowing how difficult some counties make it on property owners and builders, construction and/or remodel work is often deferred or plans are simply scrapped.
- yes having to deal with all the different agencies takes time and money.
- I believe that if the public truly knew how much money was wasted on government jobs they would be outraged.
- i contracted in the wood products industry. a renewable resource. renewable..... liberals got there say. they need to back off those folks who pay for their entitlements so they can protest against the very people that support them. regulate those folks who don't want to work just reek havoc with everyone else's lives. sponsor tax credits for small business and then leave those folks alone. government can't do that. don't you know these people who risk it all are the rich folks!!! lets tax them.....
- I have worked with many out of contractors who do work all over the country. Many have said they will never build again in Bend, OR due to unusually high fees and building requirements that are not standardized with the rest of the state. Our permit fees in Bend are appx. double what other cities charge.
- The licensing requirements in this state are burdensome and only create the necessity for big government. I do not believe, in my opinion, that they have in fact done anything to promote an increase in manufacturing or construction activities. Also, there are at times, it seems, excessive local and state involvement in determining what constitutes as increased manufacturing or construction activity.

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- get rid of the overwhelming brainstorming of ideas of making it even harder for legitimate small businesses to work in Oregon. ie stupid licenses that a person has to hold just to run a single wire. for me it is stupid to have to have a ccb no. when i run data or just a simple speaker wire. i already have a state low voltage lic. and have a 2million dollar insurance protection. it is ridiculous to have a ccb.
- Lessen impact of EPA regulations, Zoning laws and required certifications by a bipartisan review which includes contractors and engineers.
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- no there fine
- Do not have familiarity with project impediments at the state coordinated level.
- YES!! Expenses - Both the Gov and you people can't get it through your heads to stop DEMANDING MORE TAXES. When the Gov gives you a budget TURN IT DOWN unless ALL EXPENSES the State has are up for grabs. WE ARN'T STUPID. I know that the Executive Branch pulls aside their pet projects and protects them and the monies needed to make them run, ONLY THEN do they send the remainder of the received revenues and all the rest of the bills to the legislature to work on (this always includes anything that will directly effect the general populace.
- Mandating Davis Bacon wages for jobs is wasteful and expensive.
- Yes! There is so much government control over every aspect of private industry that I don't care if I ever go into business for myself again. Get government out of our way.
- permit fees always seem excessive, especially when city and county agencies ultimately take no responsibility or have any liability when something is missed during plan review. shouldn't the fees be based on square footage and type of construction and not the dollar value of the project?? i.e. why should I pay more for granite counters and travertine tile in my house when these things require no additional plan review or inspections??
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- There is way too much beaurocracy. Too many levels of permits and forms required for simple work. What happened to common sense?
- Yes, too many regulations, too many gov hands in permitting and enviromental hoops to jump thru just to protect gov jobs,
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 - permitting
 - See #1 above and include worker comp costs which do not reflect experience ratio and instead support a bloated bureaucracy. Liability insurance required for licensing is another area with costs that are out of sight. Although some contractors can absorb these costs many cannot. Also the duplicity of local and state regulations, permit and license fees add costs that make it impossible to offer pricing to secure work in the current economic environment--licensing and permitting needs to be streamlined. Seems everyone wants a piece of the business--it has become parasitic. Understand that all contracting has a certain sales element and that just because one contractor is out of business doesn't mean that the remaining contractors will pick up the work. No, it just means that without competition, the work is not undertaken because the potential customer opts out of paying a higher cost for projects.
- Absolutely. permits and reviews are both too expensive and lengthy. It seems incomprehensible that in the current enviornment reviews can take many months to accomplish. Also, agencies need to have more customer friendly hours. Opening at 9 am then closing during lunch and then again at 3pm is crazy
- In my opinion(and referring to my previous answer)permit fee's in general are ridiculous. I also believe that our codes have become(for lack of a better term)anal retentive.
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 - Yes we could start really looking at building a better hwy sys for goods and services to move

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easier after things are built. If we give tax breaks to companies we also need to update

schools and other government supports included in the deal. Oregon I think really needs affordable housing to bring in the hip young educated people that companies want so they build here.

- Again just do what your good at Streamline everything Agree on something now for the sake of

the People A jobs project of some sort to get people working now not later !!Be creative ..ask

more people like this ,This survey is a great one ,but keep going ...do not stop until theirs jobs

and employment ,then things will flow better for all of us !

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- Not in the loop, do not know

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- Standardize the Electricians General Supervisors Exam with the rest of the USA.

- 1) licensing i.e. electrical, mechanical, plumbing etc.... needs to be streamlined most states

have 1-2 electrical licenses we have 23!

- I know of none at this time, but we need to get the Fed's. working on a decent program that will

get the timber industry going again without raping the forests.

- Because of the requirements for higher efficiency, the equipment has become so sophisticated

that they have become too expensive. The repairs on this equipment cost more than the money

that they save.

- Instead of making all buildings meet all energy and safety requirements for all areas, give

projects the ability to "opt out" and contribute dollars to a special fund that can be used in

natural disasters or to be used to offset insurance. "flood, hurricane, etc."

- Yes, the entire no growth sentiment shared by the "progressive" members of the Democrat

party. That is the barrier to construction. Throw in a little environmental bs on top of that,

mix in a high price on permits/fees and you have a recipe for no growth.

- The dead economy is killing construction. Why don't you tax us more.

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- Too many "expert" studies waste money. Try just getting the job done one time.
- When a tax measure passes (by Multnomah County vs the rest of the State), the press inevitably comes out with a "oh, the State will just barely squeek by this budget period, but the next one doesn't look good". I absolutely believe that many agencies have loads of cash squirreled away in separate accounts and will only use it once the tax income is reduced.
- BOLI
- Not that I am aware of.
- SDC charges, Permits ,Code Compliance, 2 Different CCB requirements 1 for res 1 for commercial
- I'm sure there are, but I don't know the specifics.
- Well I can think of one area that could help us at the IBEW would be to make it easier, instead of making us go back to apprentice wages to get the license to work on the renewable energy projects let us keep our wages and train us because we are committed to the union and just want to work.
- Two problems I am aware of include selection of qualified bidders and the payment process for successful bidders during a project. The documentation required and the communication process to be accepted as qualified or recertify from project to project is particularly difficult for small companies who would like to compete but are unable to devote the necessary resources to sorting through the red tape required. Often government projects are much slower to compensate contractors for completed work than are private sector customers. A successful bidder is required to extend their company much further, financially speaking, on government work than they do for similar projects in the private sector. I am familiar with projects where subcontractors have been forced to wait 5-6 months for payment relating to work that was completed in a completely satisfactory manner. Similar work in the private sector would have

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paid in 1-6 weeks. The down side is that small companies without the capital are unable to tie

up an adequate amount of capital to even consider trying to obtain government work.

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• Just part of doing business

• the permit operation ran by municipalities, and counties are quite a deterrent at times. also,

when licensing is required for individuals, plumbing, electrical, etc., when new codes are

inacted, maybe send copies of new codes to individuals so there is no excuse to not know what

the codes are. individual licensing is quite expensive, and the fees involved are supposed to go

for inspectors, but information on new codes, etc. would be a positive. the code enforcement

appears to be quite diligent in their attempt to find problems, but if the workers had the

information, there would be no excuse.

• IM NOT SURE ABOUT THE REGULATIONS OR EXPENSES BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BRING

SOMETHING TO YOUR ATTENTION THAT HAPPENS MORE OFTEN THEN YOU THINK. 2 YEARS

AGO I WAS WORKING FOR A GUY. I HAD TO PULL AN ELECTRICAL PERMIT TO DO THE

WORK. AFTER I USED MY NAME AND LICENSE TO GET THE PERMIT, HE DISPATCHED UNQUALIFIED, UN TRAINED, OUT-OF-STATE WORKERS TO DO THE JOB WHILE I SAT AT

HOME COLLECTING UNEMPLOYMENT DUE TO A LACK OF WORK LAYOFF. THIS ENRAGED ME

AND I QUIT BUT IT HAPPENS EVERYDAY. THE STATE (YOU GUYS) HAVE REGULATED EVERYTHING TO THE NTH DEGREE TO ENSURE PUBLIC SAFETY AND WORKER BENEFITS BUT

NOW THOSE SAME RULES NEED TO BE ENFORCEED BECAUSE TO MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING

AROUND THE RULES AND ITS HURTING THE INDUSTRY. I'D LOVE TO BE THE GUY THAT

DOES THAT! PLEASE, GIVE ME A CALL IF YOU WANT HELP. 503-453-7475

• So not let neighbors sue other private property owners to stop upgrades or additions to their

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properties. These people do not have any right to a view that might be obstructed by someone

building on their own property. So long as the building is done to all codes, neighbors should

have NO SAY in what is done to the owners property.

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- The EPA ,DEQ and OSHA regulatory agencies are out of control. They have no regard for common sence. They make rules , asses fines and handle their own appeal process. If a contractor is fined and wants to appeal, you must appeal to the agency who just fined you.

Who do you think will win?

- yes start new gov. projects

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- In my opinion, government regulations are there to protect the citizens of the state, and the workers who happen to be employed within the state. Expenses for inspections and permits are well justified. Any expenses incurred enforcing the regulations need to be paid for by the ones being regulated. Self regulating industries have been proven to be unsatisfactory.

- The Paperwork process needed to keep contractors in-line and reporting correct staffing on

Davis Bacon projects could be streamlined or even eliminated by having a "Pre-Approved" list

of contractors and sub-contractors with background checks to keep the rule breakers out of the system.

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- The new OSHA Electrical safety requirements and NFPA 70E are drastically increasing how much we have to charge for simple troulbe calls and extending equipment down time dramically. This is prompting customers to try to handle electrical problems themselves, often leading to dangerous solutions.

- we need to invite large industrial companies to the NW. Provide some incentives to build large but green production facilities. we need them as much as they need our resources. right now

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all the large companies are leaving the NW and the united states for that mater because it is cheaper produce somewhere else, even if the have to shipp the supplies to build it clear across the world! we need to make/change regulations to allow companies better opportunities to build here in the NW and provide incentives to make their production as green as possible

- We need to do away with the prevailing wage issue. When a job of any type is done for a government agency, the workers are paid prevailing wage. Yes a person likes to make more money, but if they are payed what they are receiving normally, they don't have the tendency to over extend themselves and put them in a bind when they do actually go back to there regular wage. It would also let the private sector be able to bid on jobs the way they are normally bidding in the real world. It would also save alot of our tax dollars in lower costs per project. Alot of money. And people would still have jobs because possibly there would be more projects for the same money we spend now on less projects.

- same as above

- green tech projects are fine but they should carry their own with out prejudice.

- Clear up "grey areas" of overlapping jurisdidction. Example: In some cities, certain code issues

are separately address by the Fire Marshall, Building Inspector and Electrical Inspector, each

with different requirements for the the same subject. The fees are NOT the issue here. It's

the time to sort it out and make three agencies agree to the same plan.

- For me, it is the one-size-fits-all licensing. this is one of the most over-regulated states in the

union. i am looking to move my business to Washington state. i know of three businesses that

had to fold last year, because they couldn't afford the bonding, because their customers couldn't pay their bills, and they experienced the domino effect(collapsing businesses)

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- reduce taxes

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- Job permitting should be done online. It shouldn't be necessary to physically drive to a location to pull a permit.
- The industry needs to be over hauled. keep what works, and shit can what doesn't.
- Not qualified to respond.
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- try to build a house or remodel, try contacting a state office. Get ready to get lost in voice mail.
- Permitting processes, the amounts charged and enviromental constraints should be eased.
State tax credit allowances for companies and individuals should be established to encourage construction.
- I am a white 52 year old that has been laid off because they need to have a minority female on the job. I have worked with some of these women, there worthless for the most part. I understand some people are better at some things, but the eqaul oppertunity thing has gone way, way to far. The PDC is the worst. I worked on a condo job on the s. waterfront, there were cubans, peruivans, hatians, and other aliens. I feel being a white male in the U.S. today is the true minority.
- Enviornmental regulations are too strict to start large utility or large public works projects.
- Fees & Costs to be in business even before doing a job, then more piled on to do the job!! It makes it so expensive to stay in business & make a profit, as well as an extremely competitive market, that it makes it too tempting to cut corners or to be misleading to the consumer!! In turn it leaves the honest business owner out in the cold!
- Not sure on this one.
- Again, what's with the continuing education. For a contractor who knows what he is doing, what else could he learn?
- yes, stop pandering to the left wing environmentalists.
- When was the last time you purchased a building permit.
- licenses, registrations, certifications, permits, fees, taxes, etc., etc., etc....
- Dont mandate or support unions in the bidding process.
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- The cost of permits is through the roof. I would like to build a house for my family, but the expenses involved with the permits don't make it possible. Because of the cost of permits many people try to get around them which helps no one.
- Regulation should be limited to electrical inspection construction inspections, plumbing inspections. There should not be control as to where you would like to place structures property owners should have the right to place structure that best suit there needs.
- Most cases.
- It seems to me that one person or group can stop pipe lines, powerhouses,etc or put them in litigation for years
- I think metro has too much control. I might even get rid of metro.
- Get rid of the urban growth boundaries that prevent land owners from selling their land. Open spaces are good but the city or county should buy the land and maintain it if the people desire open spaces
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- Taxation quarterly requirements are a real burden, especially on smaller business owners. Smaller businesses are crippled by larger fees that are easily absorbed by larger competitors.
- Get rid of the urban growth boundaries that prevent land owners from selling their land. Open spaces are good but the city or county should buy the land and maintain it if the people desire open spaces
- AS ALWAYS, HIGHER TAXES, ESPECIALLY ON BUSINESSES, ELIMINATE PEOPLE WANTING TO START BUSINESSES, AND ELIMINATE EXISTING STRUGGLING BUSINESSES. WHEN YOU ELIMINATE BUSINESSES YOU ELIMINATE PEOPLES JOBS AND ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL HOUSING, WHICH ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR NEW RETAIL AND SERVICE JOBS.
- Sadly, I believe Oregon is already overbuilt. I see vacant offices, warehouses, housing units,

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and shopping centers. Where are all the jobs to fill the existing structures? What (besides microchips) consumer oriented item is manufactured in this state? I see no reason to build anything more, unless it is a manufacturing plant that will produce consumables and provide jobs.

- Apprentice employers are taking advantage of our Apprenitce programs by not employing people who have became journeyman. They are using cheap labor and the apprentice program should be regulated by the # of people who are out of work who are licensed and actively seeking work.

- No

- I can't speak to this except to caution you about cutting corners on public safety ie building unsafe or substandard buildings doesn't help anyone

- unknown

- permit costs are prohibitive to small contractors

- Permit fees are often too high for the scope of a project, leading customers to use unlicensed labor to do the work, leading to problems that then cost more for professionals to repair.

- See answer below

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- No

- Suspend the pre-vailing wage. Government could then fund more projects thus putting more people to work. Bush did it after 9/11

- Out of control "environmental" concerns must be placed in check. We all want clean air and

water, but there are parts of the "green" efforts that are too much. Let the timber industry make a comeback.

- Policies that slow down constructions with over regulation and fees unrelated to the actual project. Using labor unions to do the states work exclusivly and not using qualified non union

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contractors at competitive bid pricing is foolish, wastes the state's money and only panders to the unions and creates a government voting block to insure passage of unpopular tax measures.

- One of the major barriers is the new tax increases. We are now considered the highest taxed state in the nation and second in the entire world behind Denmark according to the Wall Street Journal.

- Don't know about specific regulations or expenses, but I do know that the State of Oregon has a reputation of being antibusiness.

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- Affirmative Action laws are outdated and breed prejudice and un-equality in the workforce. It keeps us from hiring interested people into our apprenticeship programs, that show a passion for the field, and are forced to take the man off the top of the apprentice organization. Most of these people are not even interested in the type of work we do.

- When a property is foreclosed upon, all outstanding debts are wiped clean . . . except for government agencies. On a house that had been through two foreclosures, I was required to pay two years of back water bills. This is wrong. I had no use of that water, and the fines imposed were not caused by my action or inaction. Government actions have contributed to the current state of the economy. Government should take its lumps with the rest of us.

- There have always been regulations that have been restrictive to business. All of the current

and proposed permit and license fees are repressive as well.

- E-rate and other similar programs should be more open to "fair" and "qualified" contractors for bidding, not just the lowest bidder. You get what you pay for!

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- THE ONLY PROBLEMS I SEE IS THE PERMITTING PROCESS.

- Regulations keep a safe work site