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Oregonian to serve on international building codes committee

(Salem) — The International Code Council has named Mark Heizer of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services Building Codes Division as vice chairman of a newly formed Sustainability, Energy, and High Performance Code Action Committee (SEHPCAC).

Heizer, a mechanical engineer, is the Building Codes Division's Green Buildings technical policy analyst.

The committee is one of four Code Action Committees the International Code Council has created to enhance the technical requirements of the International Codes and assess proposals for advancing energy efficiency in buildings.

“Mark's considerable technical experience is a great addition to the SEHPCAC. He also brings a perspective and wealth of experience how state and local government regulatory systems can work together to achieve common goals for the purpose of increasing the performance of buildings,” said Kraig Stevenson, senior regional manager of Government Relations for the International Code Council. “The International Code Council is pleased with the enthusiasm the State of Oregon Building Codes Division has for the development green construction codes and recognizes Oregon's commitment by supporting Mark's participation on the committee.”

In addition to adopting strong energy codes, the Building Codes Division recently developed the nation's first statewide Reach Code, an optional set of construction standards to increase the energy efficiency of commercial and residential construction beyond the requirements of Oregon's mandatory energy codes. The division also has developed and adopted the nation's first statewide solar installation code for photovoltaic systems and supported a growing electric vehicle (EV) market in Oregon by streamlining the permitting of EV charging stations.

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