



# Illinois Pipe Trades Association

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## **Oppose Senate Bill 1226, ha2 & ha3**

### **Support Good Public Policy & Public Health –**

### **Plumbing Belongs in the Illinois Plumbing Code**

SB1226 ha2 & ha3 would create a green construction code administered by the Capital Development Board. Included within this green construction code are several items related to “green plumbing” such as rainwater harvesting, grey water, and other forms of water recycling in the context of a building’s plumbing system.

Green plumbing advancements have great promise for water conservation. However, because these new technologies introduce harmful, non-potable water to plumbing systems, it is more important than ever that the state of Illinois ensure these systems are properly installed and maintained.

For decades the state of Illinois has maintained an Illinois Plumbing Code that is administered by the Illinois Department of Public Health, and aptly so because the plumbing codes are a cornerstone of public health policy. IDPH has a dedicated plumbing division with staff and resources dedicated to ensuring safe and proper administration of plumbing related matters.

Our belief is the intent of this legislation is to fundamentally change how Illinois handles issues related to plumbing in the future by removing a significant level of input and oversight by the plumbing professionals at IDPH. CDB was not designed, nor is it equipped to effectively and efficiently handle these important plumbing issues.

Plumbing belongs in the Illinois Plumbing Code. It is the safest, most efficient, best policy for the state of Illinois.

#### **All major organizations in the plumbing industry in Illinois oppose this bill:**

**United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters**

**Chicago Plumbers Local 130**

**Illinois Pipe Trades Association**

**Illinois Plumbing Heating Cooling Contractors**

**Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association**

**Plumbing Contractors Association Midwest**

**West Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors**

**International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials**

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