



**Oregon**  
Tina Kotek, Governor



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Carsten Jonas  
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Dear Mr. Jonas,

Oregon OSHA received your petition for rulemaking regarding exits and exit routes, dated August 10, 2024 and received by Oregon OSHA on that same date. Please accept my apologies for the delay in this response.

Per Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 183.390, Oregon OSHA invited public comment on whether or not the division should engage in rulemaking on the petition, as well as whether there were options for achieving the substantive goals of the rule in a way that reduces the negative economic impact on businesses. We did not receive any comments from Oregon employers, employees, business representatives, or employee advocates. The only comment that was received was additional information that you provided. We have also reached out to the Oregon Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and the Oregon Building Codes Division (BCD). At the time, the representative from the OSFM was unfamiliar with any similar request of their agency, and the representative from BCD indicated that they may look to this issue in a future rulemaking.

At this time, Oregon OSHA is denying your petition for rulemaking. We do not believe the petition and the lack of comments from Oregon stakeholders indicate a need at this time to change or modify the signage requirements for exit routes, as well as the lack of any similar signage language as you suggested from either the OSFM or BCD.. In the comment you provided, you mentioned that the BCD board has approved the change in a future revision of their code, when that time comes Oregon OSHA may consider updating the code.

Thank you for submitting your petition; we sincerely appreciate the opportunity to discuss this issue both among ourselves and with the public. Please feel free to reach out to Oregon OSHA at any time if you would like to further discuss our rulemaking agenda.

Sincerely,



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