



Senate Bill 1226 Jeopardizes Illinois Drinking Water Safety

Senate Bill 1226, currently before the House, eliminates longstanding protections that ensure the proper installation of drinking water systems. It:

- Puts the **health of all Illinoisans, but especially those with compromised or underdeveloped immune systems like seniors and children, at risk** by effectively de-regulating the practice of plumbing.
- Undermines the plumbing training and licensure requirements built into the Illinois Plumbing Code, administered by the state Department of Public Health, by establishing in Illinois law a **new plumbing code**. This new code, administered by the Capital Development Board, would **not require licensed plumbing contractors, licensed plumbers or licensed apprentices**.
- Applies directly to projects managed and funded by CDB grants, including newly built or renovated **public schools, nursing homes and other state facilities, early childhood centers and community health centers**.
- Could also extend to **all commercial construction** in the state, as well as construction of **residential buildings** of four or more stories.
- Creates a **regulatory nightmare**. Representatives of IDPH and CDB testified before House committee that it likely would conflict with multiple existing statutes.
- **Compromises existing energy efficiency standards**. The Illinois Environmental Council opposed the bill during House committee in November, in part, because it would supplant provisions of the Energy Efficient Building Act.

Senate Bill 1226 Opponents

Illinois Department of Public Health

Illinois Capital Development Board

Plumbing Contractors Association Midwest & Plumbing Council West Suburban Association of Plumbing Contractors

Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association

South Suburban Building Officials Association

Illinois Plumbing Inspectors Association

Illinois Plumbing, Heating, Cooling Contractors Association

Illinois Plumbing Education Association-Central Illinois Chapter

Chicago Roofing Contractors Association

United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers

& Allied Workers Local 11

Home Builders Association of Illinois

Organizations Representing Plumbers, Pipefitters, Sprinkler Fitters and Steamfitters Across Illinois

United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry of the United States and Canada

Illinois Pipe Trades Association

Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 553 (Alton)

Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 101 (Belleville)

Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 99 (Bloomington)

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 160 (Carbondale)

Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 653 (Centralia)

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 149 (Champaign)

Plumbers Local 130 UA (Chicago)

Sprinkler Fitters UA Local 281 (Chicago)

Steamfitters UA Local 439 (East St. Louis)

Plumbers & Gasfitters UA Local 360 (East St. Louis)

Plumbers & Pipefitters UA Local 551 (Herrin)

Plumbers UA Local 63 (Peoria)

Steamfitters UA Local 353 (Peoria)

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 23 (Rockford)

Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 25 (Rock Island)

Plumbers, Steamfitters & HVACR UA Local 137 (Springfield)

Sprinkler Fitters Local 669 (Illinois Excluding Chicago)