74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2654 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Riley

House Committee on Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Bonamici, Galizio, Gilliam, Nelson, Riley, Holvey

Nays: 0 Exc.: Girod

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Meeting Dates: 2/23, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Construction Contractor to maintain insurance that provides liability coverage for completed work. Provides for minimum coverage in the following amounts: \$500,000 for general contractors, developers and non residential specialty contractors; \$300,000 for residential-only specialty contractors; \$100,000 for a limited contractor; and \$300,000 for inspectors.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Costs to contractors for maintaining additional insurance.
- Benefits of this measure for consumers.
- Appropriateness of required insurance coverage.
- The need for insurers to write exclusions in order to continue offering insurance to contractors for completed works.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Provides that insurance for products and completed operations are subject to applicable policy exclusions that are in the terms of a policy.

BACKGROUND: Current law requires that construction contractor maintain liability insurance coverage for personal injury and property damage while work is being performed in the amounts described above. This measure will require contractors to maintain liability insurance for completed operations in the same amounts as those required by current law for personal injury and property damage.