

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Schaufler
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Smith P.
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Meeting Dates:	5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Extends the sunset on the continuing education requirement for renewing a water well constructor's license and for the Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee to January 2, 2014. Establishes a fee of \$40 per credit hour, not to exceed \$250 for a full day course, for agency sponsored training. Modifies fees for the initial issuance and renewal of well constructor's license to \$150.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- SB 579 (2001), which established the initial continuing education requirement for well constructors
- Types of continuing education courses
- Required number of continuing education credits
- Usage of fees from continuing education credits and licensing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Well construction has been regulated in Oregon for decades due to the potential for an improperly constructed well to contaminate surrounding groundwater. Constructors are required to submit well logs whose accuracy is important to realtors, other well constructors, property owners, and public agencies. There are currently 650 licensed well constructors in Oregon.

The 2001 Legislative Assembly established a continuing education requirement for well constructors and created a Well Constructors Continuing Education Committee. The legislation also changed the licensing renewal from an optional one or five-year license to a standard two-year license for a fee of \$150 and was passed with a January 2008 sunset. SB 88 A repeals the sunset on the licensing structure and fees, extends the continuing education requirement to 2014, and specifies fees for department training courses.