

REVENUE: No revenue impact  
FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Prepared By:</b>	Janet Adkins, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	1/31, 3/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Repeals a sunset on the Department of Water Resources license fee structure adopted in 2001 for water well constructor licensees. Extends the sunset on a continuing education requirement 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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Other groups that sponsor training such as associations and community colleges
- Importance of continuing training
- Whether to include fees in statute

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Establishes a fee of \$40 per credit hour, not to exceed \$250 for a full day course. Retains the sunset on the continuing education requirement but extends it to 2014.

**BACKGROUND:** Well construction has been regulated in Oregon for decades due to the potential for an improperly constructed well contaminating 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 would repeal the sunset on the licensing structure and fees, would extend the continuing education requirement to 2014, and would specify fees for department training courses.