

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass
Vote: 4 - 2 - 1
Yeas: Bonamici, Galizio, Nelson, Holvey
Nays: Gilliam, Girod
Exc.: Riley
Prepared By: Steve Dixon, Administrator
Meeting Dates: 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a fee of no higher than \$150 for issuing a two-year home inspector certificate. Modifies the term of the certificate from one to two years.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History and function of home inspector program and certification fee.
- Costs of providing services.
- Intent for the home inspector regulation program to be self supporting.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment

BACKGROUND: Until recently, the Construction Contractors Board has been charging an initial certification and annual renewal fee of \$75 for a home inspector certificate. However, the board has determined that although the licensing statute authorized the renewal fee, it did not authorize the initial fee. The fees cover administrative costs of the licensing and regulation program, including enforcement investigations, dispute resolution, and consumer and inspector education.

SB 95 allows the board to charge a fee for an initial home inspector certificate, and to extend the certificate's terms from one to two years. A provision in the measure caps the fee for both the initial certificate and renewal can be no more than \$150, which is double the current renewal fee.