74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: CARRIER:

House Committee on Consumer Protection

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass **Vote:** 6 - 0 - 1

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

Nays: 0 Exc.: Riley

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Meeting Dates: 5/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands grounds for sanctions against building trades licensees by the Department of Consumer and Business Services or one of its licensing boards. Includes disciplinary actions by the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) for failure to pay a civil penalty to the board. Includes owners and principals in a reorganized business entity who have been subject to discipline in Oregon or another state regarding construction standards or licensing violations. Expands the list of prohibited actions by building trade licensees by clarifying that aiding or abetting an individual in the violation of building code laws is prohibited. Prohibits employing unlicensed boiler workers. Expands the building-code related statutes that can provide a basis for sanction by the CCB.

SB 192 A

Rep. Nelson

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Nature of agency and board suspension and reinstatement authority.
- Trade licensees often also required to be CCB licensed.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No Amendment.

BACKGROUND: Senate Bill 192-A updates statutes of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) related to building trade and contractor licensees. DCBS and certain boards within it, such as the Plumbing Board, Electrical and Elevator Board, and the Board of Boiler Rules, currently have authority to deny, suspend, condition, or revoke an authority to perform work or conduct business for failure to comply with statutes or administrative rules or for engaging in acts that the CCB, a separate agency, imposes a sanction for. This authority does not currently apply to wrongdoing in another state by an Oregon licensee, applicant for license, or principal in a business.

Senate Bill 192-A expands and clarifies the department's authority so that the license/registration actions may also be taken against licensees, applicants, or business owners or principals for similar disciplinary actions taken by other states in relation to their construction standards or licensing. The measure also specifies that licenses may be denied, suspended, or revoked if business owners, officers, or certain principals of a limited liability company, have been subject to a revocation or suspension or civil penalty related to construction in this or another state.