

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	1/17, 3/15, 3/19

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services to specify by rule which boilers and pressure vessels will be subject to local jurisdiction inspection upon installation, alteration, or repair and to exempt or partially exempt boilers from regulation. Deletes specific language in statute regarding boiler inspections and authorizes the Board of Boiler Rules to adopt rules for inspections, including required frequency. Requires inspectors who are employed by insurance companies to perform certain applicable inspections as required by the state on the boilers insured by the company. Makes additional changes to clarify boiler regulations and to make them internally consistent. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Appropriate levels and jurisdictions for inspections
- Insurance company inspection process
- Importance of notification to insurance companies regarding required inspections

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Allows the Building Codes Division to specify by rule which boilers and pressure vessels will be subject to local jurisdiction inspection upon installation, alteration, or repair. Exempts those that are subject to municipal inspection from operating permit requirements. Clarifies who is responsible for boiler or pressure vessel inspections. Requires local jurisdictions that currently administer a building inspection program to provide inspections as permitted by rule by July 1, 2008. Specifies that the assumption of these inspections does not mean the jurisdiction assumes all inspection responsibilities listed in ORS 455.148.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 193-A was proposed by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to clarify and simplify statutes relating to the regulation and inspection of boilers and pressure vessels. Boilers are required to be inspected at installation, after any repair or alteration, and on a periodic basis under normal operation. Inspections are performed by either state inspectors or certified boiler inspectors employed by the building owner or insurance companies. Some newer residential hot water heaters are technically boilers, but should be inspected as part of a local building code inspection on a new home and do not need periodic inspection as larger commercial boilers do. DCBS is seeking authority to determine by rule who is responsible for various required inspections.