

**2007 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 2540

**STATUS:** Original

**SUBJECT:** Authorizes the Department of Consumer and Business Services to adopt a vintage downtown rehabilitation code

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Consumer and Business Services

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**DATE:** March 1, 2007

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**EXPENDITURES:** See Comments

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2008

**GOVERNOR'S BUDGET:** This bill is not anticipated by the Governor's recommended budget.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**COMMENTS:** The bill allows the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to adopt a vintage downtown rehabilitation code that waives, or allows the waiver of, state building code standards when a commercial or multifamily residential structure located in a downtown district is rehabilitated.

DCBS anticipates that development of a vintage rehabilitation code as part of the administrative rulemaking process would require forming a stakeholder committee that would meet twice a month for approximately 18 months, and an investment of approximately 2,000 staff hours. Three different staff members would need to be involved over the 18 month time frame to develop the code: the Structural Chief (570 hours); the Commercial Structure Manager (930 hours); and, a rules coordinator (500 hours). DCBS estimates that the average cost per staff hour is \$45, resulting in a total cost for developing the code of \$90,000. The department would also need to provide building inspectors and other industry professionals with education about the new requirements. DCBS indicates that the cost for education would be minimal as it can be easily assumed in existing processes.

DCBS works with stakeholders and advisory boards to develop a multi-year schedule for adopting model codes. Considering this schedule and existing resources, the department does not anticipate having the ability to implement a vintage downtown rehabilitation code until April 2010, unless additional resources were provided to the department.