A-Engrossed Senate Bill 96

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Eliminates cap on] Increases competency testing fees charged to applicants for home inspector certification.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

2 Relating to home inspectors; amending ORS 701.350.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 701.350 is amended to read:

- 701.350. (1) An individual may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to do work as a home inspector unless the individual is certified as a home inspector under this section by the Construction Contractors Board and is an owner of, or employed by, a business that is licensed by the board.
- (2) A business may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to do work as a home inspector unless the business is licensed by the board under this chapter and has an owner or an employee who is certified as a home inspector under this section.
 - (3) The board shall adopt minimum standards of practice and professional conduct.
- (4) The board shall require that an applicant for certification as a home inspector pass a test demonstrating the competency of the applicant to act as a home inspector. The board, by rule, may accept the results of competency testing by a nationally recognized certification program for home inspectors. The board, by rule, may adopt additional requirements for the issuance or renewal of a home inspector certificate, including but not limited to training and continuing education requirements.
- (5) The board by rule shall adopt procedures for the issuance, renewal and revocation of home inspector certification.
- (6) The board by rule may adopt fees necessary for the administration of this section. The fees may not exceed the following:
 - (a) \$50 for application;
 - (b) [\$50] **\$150** for testing; and
- 25 (c) \$75 for annual certificate renewal.
 - (7) This section does not apply to a person acting within the scope of a license, certificate or registration issued to the person by the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board under ORS

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