75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2009 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2134 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Cowan

House Committee on Human Services

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/4, 3/27, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates lead poisoning as a significant health concern. Creates complementary programs under the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Construction Contractors Board (CCB) for licensing and certification of lead based paint renovation and lead based paint activities as defined by statute. Require DHS establish standards for best practices related to lead based paint activities and to develop and approve training programs for certification of service providers. Allows CCB to establish rules for licensing contractors in lead based paint activities and requires that licensing requirements include the DHS certification. Allows DHS and CCB to suspend or revoke a license or certification and to inspect and fine up to \$5,000 in their regulatory area. Requires cross reporting of fine; establishes an account for CCB for fines. Requires both DHS and CCB to use fine proceeds for lead based paint activities including abatement, blood screening and education based on their areas of regulation and expertise.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Failure of contractors to take precautions
- Communication with community
- Lack of effective enforcement
- Program accreditation
- Cost effective training
- Expanded monitoring
- Ways to make training accessible, inexpensive and effective

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BACKGROUND: New regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency allow for changes to the administration of lead based paint programs. Stakeholder cooperation during the legislative process closed statutory gaps that left the public unprotected and divided administrative and enforcement responsibilities between the Department of Human Services and Construction Contractors Board eliminating duplication.