

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by prior reference
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Meeting Dates:	5/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Designates lead poisoning as a significant health concern. Creates complementary programs under the Department of Human Services and the Construction Contractors Board for licensing and certification of lead-based paint renovation and lead based paint activities as defined by statute. Requires department to establish standards for best practices related to lead-based paint activities and to develop and approve training programs for certification of service providers. Allows the board to establish rules for licensing contractors in lead-based paint activities and requires that licensing requirements include department certification. Allows both the board and the department to suspend or revoke a license or certification and to inspect and assess civil penalties up to \$5,000 in their regulatory area. Requires cross-reporting of fines assessed and establishes an account for fines levied by the board. Requires both the board and the department 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:

- Standards of new federal regulation
- Leveraging of skills and expertise by two named state agencies
- Long-term and permanent hazards of lead-based paint, specifically for children
- Lack of enforcement and accountability over unqualified, unlicensed and licensed contractors
- Pros and cons of federal government administering program
- Education and training needed for contractors and homeowners
- Precautionary measures for contractors on lead base paint removal processes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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 Oregon Department of Human Services and Construction Contractors Board eliminating duplication.