

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote: 10 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Barton, Cameron, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Kennemer, Matthews, Thatcher, Witt, Schaufler
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 4/13, 4/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a journeyman plumber licensee to design the plumbing portion of a fire sprinkler system for installation in either a residential structure subject to the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code or any appurtenances to a residential structure of any type.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure
- Level of support from stakeholders

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: Approximately ten years ago, the plumbing trades were requested to develop a residential fire sprinkler program, in conjunction with local fire departments and other stakeholders, that has now become a national model. Every residential fire sprinkler system installed in Oregon is based upon a national standard known as the National Fire Protection Association 13D (NFPA 13D), which provides compliance requirements for one- and two-family dwellings and manufactured homes. There is also a national standard for the professional qualification of designers and installers of these types of fire sprinkler systems.

Current building code restricts plumbers from designing fire sprinkler systems for residential dwellings over 4000 square feet. The intent of HB 2457-A is to remove the restriction and make the statute consistent with other building code laws.