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Meeting Dates: 5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits the practice of photogrammetric mapping without registering with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying. Authorizes the board to issue a registration without examination to an individual who holds a substantially equivalent certification from another state or country. Requires a photogrammetrist to sign and stamp final documents including a seal authorized by the board.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Scope of practice for photogrammetrists
- Training involved to become a photogrammetrist
- Examples of what a photogrammetrist does
- Number of states who require registration of photogrammetrists

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Any person practicing or offering to practice engineering must register with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS). OSBEELS is an independent state agency, responsible for setting its own fees and budget. OSBEELS also regulates the practices of land surveying and photogrammetry.

The regulation of photogrammetrists was first established through the enactment of SB 55 (2005). Photogrammetry is the science of making measurements from photographs and interpreting data from images, and is the first remote sensing technology ever developed. Photogrammetrists work in different areas such as topographic mapping, architecture, engineering, and geology. In order to practice photogrammetric mapping in Oregon, the photogrammetrist must have a valid certificate to practice land surveying, engineering, or photogrammetric mapping, pass a qualification examination, and register with OSBEELS.

SB 142 clarifies that a person who is practicing or offering to practice photogrammetric mapping must register with OSBEELS and obtain a seal to be used for stamping each final document issued by the registrant. The measure allows OSBEELS to refuse to issue or renew, or suspend or revoke a certificate for gross negligence or incompetence or conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving the practice of photogrammetric mapping, or violations of statute relating to prohibited activities or rules of professional conduct related to photogrammetric mapping.