

**2009 Regular Legislative Session**  
**FISCAL ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**  
**Prepared by the Oregon Legislative Fiscal Office**

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**MEASURE NUMBER:** HB 3462

**STATUS:** A Engrossed

**SUBJECT:** Allows the Building Codes Division of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish temporary programs to train and certify specialized building inspectors to enforce portions of the specialty building codes. The authority is repealed effective January 2, 2016.

**GOVERNMENT UNIT AFFECTED:** Department of Consumer and Business Services

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**2009-2011**

**2011-2013**

**EXPENDITURES:**

See Analysis

**REVENUES:**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2010. The authority for the training program is repealed effective January 2, 2016.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANDATE:** This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**ANALYSIS:** HB 3462 allows the Building Codes Division (BCD) of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to establish temporary programs to train and certify specialized building inspectors to enforce portions of the specialty building codes. Current law provides for building inspector training programs funded with a one percent surcharge on building permit fees. The law requires that the training be provided through contracted services. HB 3462 authorizes the director of DCBS to arrange for this training to be provided by the department or to arrange for local educational institutions, professional associations or other trainers to provide this training. The bill also authorizes the director to establish application, examination and renewal fees. HB 3462 also adds "specialized building inspector" to the definition of building inspector.

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. DCBS has no data on which to base an estimate of the number of local jurisdictions that will require specialized inspectors to inspect new technologies within the construction industry, such as energy efficiency and green building technologies. Potential fiscal impacts include the time and effort required to work with stakeholders to identify the new programs, develop administrative rules, and develop and administer the new training programs. DCBS could seek an Other Funds expenditure limitation increase from the Emergency Board or special legislative session, if demand for the program requires such limitation.

The revenue impact is also indeterminate. DCBS will fund the establishment of the new training programs out of the one percent surcharge. DCBS cannot project what new fees might be imposed, because program costs and the level of demand for the program are unknown. Fees that are administratively imposed are subject to ratification by the Legislature.