

House Bill 3061

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND WATER

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Directs State Department of Energy to adopt energy efficiency rating system to be implemented for residential and nonresidential buildings by specified dates.

Requires Director of State Department of Energy to convene advisory group to assist in establishing energy performance scores for residential and nonresidential buildings.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to energy use of buildings.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

5 (a) **"Building" means a residential or a nonresidential building.**

6 (b) **"Energy Star program" means the program developed by the United States Environ-**
7 **mental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Energy pursuant to 42 U.S.C.**
8 **6294a.**

9 (2)(a) **The State Department of Energy shall adopt an energy efficiency rating system for**
10 **buildings that reflects the actual energy efficiency of buildings.**

11 (b) **The department may adopt a rating system for greenhouse gas emissions or integrate**
12 **a greenhouse gas emissions rating system into the energy efficiency rating system adopted**
13 **by the department under paragraph (a) of this subsection.**

14 (3) **The department may adopt a simplified energy efficiency rating system that can be**
15 **used at the time a building is listed for sale or rent.**

16 (4) **The department shall base the energy efficiency rating system for nonresidential**
17 **buildings required under subsection (2)(a) of this section upon the Energy Star program un-**
18 **less the department finds that the program is not appropriate for Oregon's needs.**

19 (5) **In developing the energy efficiency rating system required under subsection (2)(a) of**
20 **this section, the department shall adopt rules that include, but are not limited to:**

21 (a) **Criteria for excluding buildings from the energy efficiency rating system;**

22 (b) **The method by which the rating is determined;**

23 (c) **Requirements for reporting the rating so that the rating is available to potential**
24 **purchasers of a building; and**

25 (d) **Qualifications and other requirements for persons responsible for determining ratings**
26 **and assigning ratings to buildings.**

27 **SECTION 2. The energy efficiency rating system adopted by the State Department of**
28 **Energy under section 1 of this 2009 Act shall be implemented by:**

29 (1) **January 1, 2011, for new and existing residential buildings.**

30 (2) **January 1, 2012, for new and existing nonresidential buildings that have an aggregate**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 floor area of at least 20,000 square feet.

2 **SECTION 3.** (1) The State Department of Energy shall establish a system of energy per-
3 formance scores for residential and nonresidential buildings.

4 (2) The Director of the State Department of Energy shall appoint and convene an advi-
5 sory group to make recommendations regarding the establishment of energy performance
6 scores for residential and nonresidential buildings. The advisory group shall include, but not
7 be limited to, members of the general public and individuals with experience in real estate
8 and in energy efficiency.

9 (3) In establishing an energy performance score, the department, working with the advi-
10 sory group, shall consider, but not be limited to consideration of, the following:

11 (a) Estimated cost per building to establish energy performance scores;

12 (b) Reliability of energy performance scores in helping to achieve overall energy effi-
13 ciency goals;

14 (c) Simplicity and ease of understanding energy performance scores; and

15 (d) The success of pilot programs for energy performance scores and similar energy ef-
16 ficiency rating tools in Oregon and other states.

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