Senate Bill 52

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SUMMARY

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Expands grounds for Construction Contractors Board to revoke, suspend or refuse to issue construction contractor license.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to construction contractor licensing; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 701.102.
- Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 701.102 is amended to read:
- 5 701.102. (1) As used in this section, "construction contractor license" means a license issued 6 within the United States to engage in the business of construction contracting.
 - (2) The Construction Contractors Board may revoke, suspend or refuse to issue a license required under this chapter to a business if:
 - (a) The business:

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- 10 **(A)** Owes a construction debt [or];
- 11 (B) Owes a debt to a state agency arising from a failure to properly pay wages;
- 12 (C) Owes payment of a civil penalty to a state agency; or
- 13 **(D)** Has had a construction contractor license revoked or suspended;
- 14 (b) An owner, officer or responsible managing individual of the business:
- 15 **(A)** Owes a construction debt [or];
- 16 (B) Owes a debt to a state agency arising from a failure to properly pay wages;
- 17 (C) Owes payment of a civil penalty to a state agency; or
- 18 (D) Has had a construction contractor license revoked or suspended;
- 19 (c) An owner, officer or responsible managing individual of the business was an owner, officer 20 or responsible managing individual of another business:
 - (A) At the time the other business incurred:
 - (i) A construction debt that is owing [or];
- 23 (ii) A debt that is owing to a state agency and that arose from a failure to properly pay 24 wages; or
 - (iii) A civil penalty that is owing to a state agency; or
- 26 **(B)** At the time of an event that resulted in the revocation or suspension of the other business's construction contractor license; or
 - (d) The board determines that an owner, officer or responsible managing individual of the business is not fit for licensure, based upon information submitted under ORS 701.046 or discovered by a board investigation under ORS 701.225.

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.

(3) The board may place a contractor on probation if a total of three or more complaints are filed with the board under ORS 701.139 within a 12-month period against the contractor or a former licensed construction contracting business in which the contractor held at least a 10 percent ownership interest, measured as determined by board rule. A contractor may not be placed on probation unless the board determines after investigation that it is likely that the contractor has caused harm to the complainants. The board may require a contractor that is placed on probation to develop a corrective action plan, to attend specific classes and to resolve outstanding complaints. The board may require a contractor that is placed on probation to take training and pass a test, both as described in ORS 701.122. The board shall take action to terminate the contractor's license if the contractor is unwilling or unable to comply with the conditions of probation.

SECTION 2. The amendments to ORS 701.102 by section 1 of this 2009 Act apply to debts and civil penalties accrued or imposed before, on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act that are due and owing on or after the effective date of this 2009 Act.