

# Senate Bill 153

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## SUMMARY

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Allows Construction Contractors Board to adopt rules for determining whether limited inspection of system or component of residential structure or appurtenance constitutes home inspector services.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to home inspections; amending ORS 701.350.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 701.350 is amended to read:

5 701.350. (1) An individual may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to do work as  
6 a home inspector unless the individual is certified as a home inspector under this section by the  
7 Construction Contractors Board and is an owner of, or employed by, a business that is licensed by  
8 the board.

9 (2) A business may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to do work as a home in-  
10 spector unless the business is licensed by the board under this chapter and has an owner or an  
11 employee who is certified as a home inspector under this section. **The board may adopt rules for  
12 determining whether an inspection and report that is limited to one or more specific systems  
13 or components of a residential structure or appurtenance is a sufficient assessment of the  
14 overall physical condition of the structure or appurtenance to constitute the services of a  
15 home inspector.**

16 (3) The board shall adopt minimum standards of practice and professional conduct.

17 (4) The board shall require that an applicant for certification as a home inspector pass a test  
18 demonstrating the competency of the applicant to act as a home inspector. The board may adopt  
19 rules accepting the results of competency testing by a nationally recognized certification program  
20 for home inspectors. The board may adopt rules establishing additional requirements for the issu-  
21 ance or renewal of a home inspector certificate, including but not limited to training and continuing  
22 education requirements.

23 (5) The board shall adopt rules establishing procedures for the issuance, renewal and revocation  
24 of home inspector certification.

25 (6) The board may adopt rules establishing fees necessary for the administration of this section.  
26 The fees may not exceed the following:

27 (a) \$50 for application.

28 (b) \$50 for testing.

29 (c) \$150 for issuance of an initial two-year certificate.

30 (d) \$150 for renewal of a two-year certificate.

**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           (7) This section does not apply to a person acting within the scope of a license, certificate or  
2 registration issued to the person by the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board under ORS  
3 chapter 674.

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