

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**Measure: HB 2801 - 6**Seventy-Seventh Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2013 Regular Session
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Measure Description:

Authorizes public purpose charge moneys invested on cost-effective local energy conservation that involve updating energy efficiency of nonresidential building to be used for purpose of conducting whole building assessment of energy efficiency of building; Establishes the assignment of home energy performance scores using the energy performance score system adopted by the State Department of Energy; Requires that only home energy assessor assign a home energy performance score and establishes certification requirements for home energy assessor through Construction Contractor Board (CCB); Requires home energy performance score contractor to obtain a surety bond, general liability insurance and have an owner or employee that is CCB certified as a home energy assessor; Requires Dept. of Energy, in consultation with the Public Utility Commission, to adopt by rule a home energy performance score system, designate by rule, training programs for home energy assessors for assigning home energy performance scores and adopt by rule, requirements for certified home energy assessors to report the scores assigned and maintain a database of the information reported; Requires the Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to establish a certification program to ensure its appraiser licensees are competent to prepare, complete and issue an opinion of the value associated with the energy efficiency features of a building located on real property

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Public Utility Commission (PUC), Department of Energy, Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board [Semi-Independent Agency], Construction Contractors Board (CCB), Housing and Community Services Department

Summary of Expenditure Impact:**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:

The measure generally has a minimal expenditure impact on the affected agencies and boards. However, the 2013-15 Governor's recommended budget for the Department of Energy includes a policy option package that includes an energy policy position which would be utilized to complete the rule making and evaluative duties required by this measure. Should the policy option package not be approved, the Department of Energy has indicated that it will reprioritize existing work -- likely advisory committee membership and policy expertise or outreach to other agencies -- until the objectives of this bill are met.