

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	5 - 4 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Dembrow, Reardon, Vega Pederson, Bailey
Nays:	Bentz, Johnson, Weidner, Whitsett
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/5, 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows public purpose moneys invested in cost-effective local energy conservation for updating nonresidential buildings energy efficiency to be used for whole building energy efficiency assessments. Provides definitions of ‘home energy assessor,’ ‘home energy audit’ and ‘home energy performance score.’ Requires certification of home energy assessor by Construction Contractors Board (CCB) prior to any home energy audit activities. Allows CCB to adopt rules regulating practice of assigning home energy performance scores. Prohibits CCB from imposing continuing education requirement or test on business practices and laws relating to contractors. Adds ‘home energy performance score contractor’ to definitions relating to construction contractors. Requires home energy performance score contractor to obtain surety bond and general liability insurance. Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) in consultation with Public Utility Commission to adopt rules for home energy performance score system and training programs for training of home energy assessors. Requires Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to establish certification program for state licensed appraisers to ensure they are competent to prepare, complete and issue opinion on energy efficiency value associated with real property. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Data availability and reporting
- Home energy performance score rulemaking process
- Real estate appraisal process
- Voluntary nature of measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Contractors are subject to licensure by the Construction Contractors Board (CCB). Currently, home energy assessors are not required to be licensed by the CCB prior to delivering a home energy assessment. House Bill 2801 A would require that home energy assessors are trained and licensed, while creating standards for home energy assessments.