

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass with Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure. (Printed B-Engrossed)

Vote: 5 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dingfelder

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/20, 5/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows public purpose moneys invested in cost-effective local energy conservation for updating building energy efficiency to be used for whole building energy efficiency assessments and maximizing overall energy efficiency of building. Requires certification of home energy assessor by Construction Contractors Board (CCB) prior to home energy audit activities. Allows CCB to adopt rules regulating practice of assigning home energy performance scores but prohibits CCB from imposing certain requirements. Requires Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) in consultation with Public Utility Commission (PUC) to adopt rules for home energy performance score system and programs for training home energy assessors. Authorizes ODOE to adopt rules under which home energy assessors report home energy performance scores and requires ODOE to maintain database of information. Prohibits reporting of individual addresses of residential structures or names but allows reporting of aggregated information. Requires state licensed or certified appraiser (appraisers) to consider improvements made to structure of building that make building more energy efficient. Requires Appraiser Board to determine ways to improve appraiser education with respect to assessing value of energy efficiency improvements. Requires Appraiser Board consider implementation of program where appraisers obtain certification to issue opinion on value of energy efficiency improvements and report initial findings to Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2014. Adds endorsement as home energy performance score contractor to definition of construction contractors. Requires home energy performance score contractor to obtain surety bond; general liability insurance; and have owner or employee certified as home energy assessor. Authorizes PUC, CCB, ODOE and Appraiser Board to take action necessary, prior to July 1, 2014 operative date of certain sections of Act, to exercise all duties functions and powers conferred by Act. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Aggregate reporting maintains privacy of homeowners
- Real estate appraisal process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT Prohibits reporting of individual addresses of residential structures or names of homeowners in report of home energy performance scores; allows reporting of information that allows ODOE to aggregate evaluations of savings attributable to energy efficiency. Removes requirement that Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (Appraiser Board) establishes certification program. Effective July 1, 2014 requires state licensed or certified appraiser (appraisers) to consider improvements to building structure that make building more energy efficient. Requires Appraiser Board to determine ways to improve education of appraisers with respect to assessing value of energy efficient improvements. Requires Appraiser Board to consider implementation of program whereby appraisers obtain certification to prepare, complete and issue opinion on value of energy efficiency improvements. Requires Appraiser Board report initial findings to Legislative Assembly no later than February 1, 2014.

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 B would require that home energy assessors are trained and licensed, while creating standards for home energy assessments. The Act also requires that a state licensed or certified appraiser consider improvements made to the structure of a building that make the building more energy efficient when issuing an opinion on the value of property.

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