

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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

Vote: 5 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Thomsen, Beyer

Nays: 0

Exc.: Starr

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Meeting Dates: 5/14, 5/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits exemption from construction contractor licensing requirements for financial institutions and their subsidiaries, surety companies, real estate personnel and suppliers of workers. Extends licensure exemption to subsidiaries of commercial lending institutions and to holding companies and their subsidiaries. Exempts persons from licensure requirements when working on one project or structure when combined price of all contracts is less than \$1,000.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Instances of work performed by individuals directly employed by financial institutions
- Potential health and safety issue for homeowners
- Amendment to add holding companies

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Makes measure applicable to holding companies for commercial lending institutions and their subsidiaries.

BACKGROUND: The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) was created in 1971 and is responsible for safeguarding the security and property of the citizens of Oregon by preventing and resolving construction contracting problems and by insuring contractors' compliance with the law. The Board administers the Oregon Contractors Law, which provides for licensing of residential and commercial construction contractors, subcontractors and home inspectors, investigation and adjudication of complaints filed against licensees, and assessment of sanctions against unlawful contractors. Consumers lose the ability to recover damages through the contractor's bond as well as the CCB Dispute Resolution Service if they use an unlicensed contractor.

Current law establishes exemptions from licensure requirements for a number of people and entities, as well as for persons working on a project or structure in which the price of all contracts combined is under \$500. The \$500 threshold was set in 1971; House Bill 2524-B raises the threshold to \$1,000. Included in the current licensure exemption are commercial lending institutions and surety companies that arrange for the completion, repair, or remodel of a structure. House Bill 2524-B specifies that the exemption is allowed only if the work is done by licensed contractors and only if the work is on a structure in which the financial institution, subsidiary, or company holds a legal or security interest. Real estate licensees are also exempt under current law from the CCB licensure requirements when performing work on a structure that the licensee manages under a contract. House Bill 2524-B specifies that the real estate licensee must be engaged in the management of rental real estate. Current law also exempts a business that supplies personnel to a CCB licensed contractor. House Bill 2524-B clarifies that the business supplying the personnel must be a worker leasing company or a temporary service provider.

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