77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Government Efficiency

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 8 - 0 - 1

Yeas: Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey

MEASURE: SB 617 B

CARRIER: Rep. Thatcher

Nays: 0 Exc.: Smith

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Meeting Dates: 5/16, 5/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to establish subcommittee to recommend whether objective basis exists to believe that alleged violation occurred. Requires subcommittee to report to board regarding specific violations if subcommittee recommends objective basis exists. Requires board to adopt rules to implement subcommittee process.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current investigative practices at Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ACLB)
- Similarities and differences between ACLB and other state boards and commissions
- Membership composition of ACLB
- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice
- Potential impediments to timely investigation of complaints

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: The Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board (ACLB) is Oregon's licensure and regulatory agency for appraisers. The Board has authority to take action against a state-certified or state-licensed appraiser or state-registered appraiser assistant, including suspension, reprimand, requirement of additional education, or revocation or denial of license, certificate or registration. Action can be taken in response to any of a number of causes outlined in ORS 674.140, such as: misrepresentation in matters related to real estate appraisal activity; disregard for state or federal law; printing or distributing untruthful or misleading advertising; guaranteeing future profits from resale of property; failure to pay fees, maintain records or produce documents to the Board; and accepting employment or compensation related to property in which the individual has an undisclosed interest.

Senate Bill 617 B requires that, prior to taking disciplinary action, the Board must have a subcommittee of board members review alleged violations and make a recommendation on action. The measure does not allow the subcommittee to block action by the Board and ensures board members are active in the evaluation of a disciplinary issue prior to the Board making a final decision.