

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Smith  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Steiner Hayward

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and be Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 25 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Freeman, Hanna, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Richardson, Smith, Tomei, Williamson

Nays:

Exc: McLane

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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**Meeting Date:** June 25, 2013

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Repeals current statute applicable to the Construction Contractors Board related to education and training program approval, continuing education rules and fees, and exemptions from continuing education requirements and requires the Construction Contractor’s Board (CCB) to adopt rules establishing a continuing education system for residential contractors that include minimum standards for the approval of continuing education providers and continuing education courses; allows the CCB to enter in to paid licensing agreements with approved continuing education providers for the use of board-developed continuing education classes and materials and allows the CCB to set fees for the approval of continuing education providers, the approval of continuing education courses, the approval of specialized education courses, continuing education courses provided by the CCB, and per-student, per-course completed fees. Sets out the general requirements for continuing education of residential contractors for licensure renewal including three hours of instruction in laws, regulations, and business practices from the CCB or using materials developed and licensed by the CCB by approved providers and an additional five hours of continuing education provided by approved continuing education providers using courses that the CCB approves. Additional continuing education would be required of residential contractors with six or less consecutive years of licensing by the CCB; allows for CCB to grant exceptions to continuing education under certain circumstances.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Operation of continuing education program
- Possible increase in cost to licensees

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the bill.

**BACKGROUND:** The Construction Contractors Board (CCB) is the licensing and regulatory agency for residential and commercial construction contractors, as well as subcontractors and home inspectors, for the State of Oregon. The Board investigates and adjudicates complaints filed against licensees and assesses sanctions where applicable, and provides education and testing on construction laws and business practices. The Legislative Assembly instituted the requirement for continuing education for all contractors with the passage of House Bill 2654 (2007). A second measure that session, House Bill 3242, created separate continuing education programs for residential contractors and commercial contractors. The CCB adopted rules for the requirement after working with industry and other stakeholders. Commercial contractors are required to complete between 16-80 hours of continuing education during their two-year license period, depending on their commercial endorsement; residential contractors must complete 16 hours of continuing education, including eight hours in mandatory subject areas (building exterior shell training, building codes, CCB laws and regulations) and eight hours in elective subject areas.