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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 2801

In line 2 of the printed bill, before the period insert "; and declaring an emergency".

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"SECTION 1. (1) If an electric company or Oregon Community Power invests moneys collected as a public purpose charge under ORS 757.612 on new cost-effective local energy conservation, or if the nongovernmental entity described in ORS 757.612 (3)(g) invests moneys paid to the nongovernmental entity under ORS 757.612 (3)(d) on new cost-effective local energy conservation, and if the investment involves updating the energy efficiency of a residential or nonresidential building, the electric company, Oregon Community Power or the nongovernmental entity may make those investments by conducting a whole building assessment of the energy efficiency of the building and, in consideration of the whole building assessment, by maximizing the overall energy efficiency of the building. For purposes of this subsection, a 'whole building assessment' means a single assessment of all savings opportunities, as identified by the Public Utility Commission by rule or order, for end uses of electricity, gas or other sources of power.

"(2) An investment described in subsection (1) of this section must be limited to an investment in a single project, as authorized by the commission by rule or order.

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"SECTION 2. Sections 3 to 7 of this 2013 Act are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 701.

"SECTION 3. As used in sections 3 to 7 of this 2013 Act:

- "(1) 'Home energy assessor' means a person who assigns residential buildings a home energy performance score.
- "(2) 'Home energy audit' means the evaluation or testing of components or systems in a residential building for the purpose of identifying options for increasing energy conservation and energy efficiency.
- "(3) 'Home energy performance score' means a score assigned to a residential building using the home energy performance score system adopted by the State Department of Energy under section 8 of this 2013 Act.
- "SECTION 4. (1) An individual may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to do work as a home energy assessor unless the individual is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act.
- "(2) A business may not undertake, offer to undertake or submit a bid to assign home energy performance scores unless the business is licensed by the Construction Contractors Board under this chapter and has an owner or an employee who is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act.
- "(3) A person may not use the title of home energy assessor or any title that indicates or tends to indicate that the person is a home energy assessor or an assignor of home energy performance scores unless

- the person is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act or is a business licensed by the board under this chapter that has an owner or an employee who is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act.
- "(4) A person may not use any sign, card or device that indicates or tends to indicate that the person is a home energy assessor or an assignor of home energy performance scores unless the person is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act or is a business licensed by the board under this chapter that has an owner or an employee who is certified as a home energy assessor under section 5 of this 2013 Act.
 - "SECTION 5. (1) The Construction Contractors Board shall certify an individual as a home energy assessor if the individual meets the requirements of this section and of any rule adopted by the board under this section. A home energy assessor certificate must be renewed annually.
 - "(2) The board shall require that an applicant for a home energy assessor certificate present proof of passing a training program designated by the State Department of Energy under section 8 of this 2013 Act.
 - "(3) The board may adopt rules to regulate the practice of assigning home energy performance scores, including:
 - "(a) Prescribing the form and manner of applying for a home energy assessor certificate;
- 25 "(b) Establishing procedures for the issuance or renewal of a home 26 energy assessor certificate; and
- 27 "(c) Establishing fees necessary for the administration of sections 28 3 to 7 of this 2013 Act that do not exceed the following amounts:
- 29 "(A) \$100 for application for a home energy assessor certificate;
- 30 "(B) \$100 for issuance of an initial one-year home energy assessor

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- 2 "(C) \$100 for renewal of a one-year home energy assessor certificate.
- "SECTION 6. Unless otherwise authorized under the provisions of this chapter, a home energy assessor may not perform work as a contractor other than to:
- 6 "(1) Provide a home energy audit;
 - "(2) Assign a home energy performance score;
- 8 "(3) Identify options for increasing energy conservation and energy 9 efficiency; and
- "(4) Provide cost estimates for improvements that will increase energy conservation and energy efficiency.
- "SECTION 7. A home energy assessor certified under section 5 of this 2013 Act is not subject to ORS 701.122 or 701.126.
 - "SECTION 8. (1) As used in this section, 'home energy assessor,' 'home energy audit' and 'home energy performance score' have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of this 2013 Act.
 - "(2) In consultation with the Public Utility Commission, the State Department of Energy shall adopt by rule a home energy performance score system by which a person may assign a residential building a home energy performance score for the purpose of evaluating the energy conservation and energy efficiency of the building.
 - "(3) The department shall designate by rule programs for the training of home energy assessors. Programs designated by the department under this subsection must ensure competency in conducting home energy audits and assigning home energy performance scores.
- "(4) The department may adopt by rule requirements under which home energy assessors who are certified under section 5 of this 2013 Act must report to the department the home energy performance scores assigned by the home energy assessors. The department shall keep and maintain a database of information reported to the depart-

ment under this subsection.

"REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL ACTIVITY

"SECTION 9. Section 10 of this 2013 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 674.

"SECTION 10. The Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board shall establish a certification program for state licensed appraisers and state certified appraisers for the purpose of certifying state licensed appraisers and state certified appraisers as competent to prepare, complete and issue an opinion on the value associated with the energy efficiency of a building located on real property.

"MISCELLANEOUS

"SECTION 11. (1) Sections 1 to 10 of this 2013 Act become operative on January 1, 2014.

"(2) The Public Utility Commission, Construction Contractors Board and Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board may take any action necessary before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section to enable the Public Utility Commission, Construction Contractors Board and Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board to exercise, on and after the effective date of this 2013 Act, all the duties, functions and powers conferred on the Public Utility Commission, Construction Contractors Board and Appraiser Certification and Licensure Board by sections 1 to 10 of this 2013 Act.

"SECTION 12. The unit captions used in this 2013 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2013 Act.

"SECTION 13. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage."
