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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 783

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the second semicolon delete the rest of the line and line 3 and insert "amending ORS 701.127; repealing ORS 701.123 and 701.126; and declaring an emergency.".

4 Delete lines 5 through 28 and delete pages 2 through 4 and insert:

⁵ "<u>SECTION 1.</u> Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act are added to and ⁶ made a part of ORS chapter 701.

"SECTION 2. (1) The Construction Contractors Board shall adopt 7 minimum quality standards to be met by public and private providers 8 of approved continuing education programs. In determining the stan-9 dards to be adopted, the board shall give consideration to any contin-10 uing education program standards that have been adopted by national 11 construction licensing trade associations. Quality standards that the 12board adopts for providers are in addition to any considerations under 13 subsection (2)(c) of this section that the board uses for evaluating 14 programs. 15

"(2)(a) The board shall establish continuing education categories for
 matters broadly related to:

"(A) Construction business practices, such as marketing, customer
 service, accounting, business law, bidding, contractor laws and board
 rules; or

"(B) Specific focus subjects, such as roofing, excavation, exterior
 shell work, building codes, safety issues and energy efficient building.

"(b) The board may, at its discretion, designate an approved continuing education program as being within a category described in
paragraph (a) of this subsection.

"(c) The board may determine whether to approve an education 4 program for continuing education purposes and determine the number $\mathbf{5}$ of hours to be credited to an approved continuing education program. 6 In determining whether to approve a program for continuing educa-7 tion, if the program content is focused primarily on subjects that the 8 board has assigned to a category described in paragraph (a) of this 9 subsection the board shall examine the program content, instructor 10 qualifications and attendance verification procedures and make other 11 inquiries as the board considers reasonable to ensure that the program 12 presents information concerning topics relevant to construction con-13 tractors and is presented in a competent manner to verified attendees. 14 If the program content is not focused primarily on subjects that the 15 board has assigned to a category described in paragraph (a) of this 16 subsection, the board shall ensure that the program is consistent with 17 the purposes of the continuing education requirements established in 18 section 3 of this 2013 Act and that the program providers report pro-19 gram attendance to the board. 20

"(3) The board may establish a fee for determining whether to ap prove a program for continuing education purposes and determining
 the number of hours to be credited for the program.

²⁴ "<u>SECTION 3.</u> (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this ²⁵ section, a residential contractor must complete at least 16 hours of ²⁶ continuing education during a two-year license period if:

27 "(A) The contractor has held a residential contractor license issued
28 by the board for fewer than six consecutive years; or

"(B) A court judgment or arbitration award was entered against the
 contractor during the prior licensing period on a claim filed with the

Construction Contractors Board or for which an owner gave a notice
 of defect under ORS 701.565.

"(b) A contractor that is subject to paragraph (a) of this subsection must complete eight of the continuing education hours in programs assigned to the category described in section 2 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act and eight hours in any programs broadly related to the work of the contractor.

8 "(2) Except as provided in subsections (1) and (3) of this section, a 9 contractor that has held a residential contractor license issued by the 10 board for six or more consecutive years must complete eight hours of 11 continuing education during a two-year license period. A contractor 12 must complete the continuing education in programs assigned to the 13 category described in section 2 (2)(a) of this 2013 Act.

"(3) The board may recognize a specialized education program described under ORS 701.120 for continuing education purposes. If a continuing education program provides training in the construction of one and two family dwellings, the board may designate the program as a specialized education program only if the program includes instruction that meets the requirements of Department of Consumer and Business Services rules adopted under ORS 455.805.

"(4) A residential contractor applying for renewal of a license shall 21certify the number of continuing education hours completed during 22the preceding licensing period. The board may require training or ed-23ucation provider verification that the residential contractor completed 24the continuing education. A residential contractor may not renew a 25license issued by the board unless the contractor has completed, at a 26minimum, the applicable number of hours and type of continuing ed-27ucation required under this section. 28

"(5) A residential developer is not subject to continuing education
 requirements under this section.

¹ "SECTION 4. ORS 701.123 and 701.126 are repealed.

² "SECTION 5. ORS 701.127 is amended to read:

"701.127. (1) Notwithstanding [ORS 701.126] section 2 of this 2013 Act, the Construction Contractors Board shall adopt criteria for allowing the exemption of a residential contractor from any board rule requiring continuing education in state building code compliance or requiring building exterior shell training.

8 "(2) The board may require a residential contractor to take continuing 9 education or training in other subjects to offset the reduction in continuing 10 education or training hours created by the exemption described in subsection 11 (1) of this section.

"SECTION 6. Sections 2 and 3 of this 2013 Act, the amendments to 12 ORS 701.127 by section 5 of this 2013 Act and the repeal of ORS 701.123 13 and 701.126 by section 4 of this 2013 Act apply to licensing periods that 14 commence on or after January 1, 2014. Residential contractor contin-15uing education requirements for licensing periods commencing prior 16 to January 1, 2014, must be completed in compliance with ORS 701.123 17 and 701.126 as set forth in the 2011 Edition of Oregon Revised Statutes 18 and with Construction Contractor Board rules adopted for carrying out 19 ORS 701.123 and 701.126. 20

²¹ "<u>SECTION 7.</u> This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate ²² preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is ²³ declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect on its passage.".

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