

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage, but with Amendments and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Bates, Hansell, Hass, Olsen, Dembrow
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	2/5, 2/10, 2/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines key terms. Requires publicly funded school (school) undertaking project involving certain aspects of heating, air conditioning or ventilation system; or building renovations with costs exceeding \$50,000 to: test for radon in frequently occupied ground level rooms; mitigate radon if testing shows radon level exceeding federal acceptance level; retest in affected areas after completion of mitigation; and make radon testing results available to public. Requires school to report radon test results to Oregon Health Authority (OHA). Requires OHA to provide schools with guidance on Act and reimbursement for cost of testing. Authorizes OHA to solicit and apply for public or private funding to assist in reimbursing schools for radon testing.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Health risks associated with radon exposure
- Process for OHA to distribute radon tests to schools
- Desire to have testing funded by OHA rather than individual schools

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces measure.

BACKGROUND: Currently, Oregon building construction law requires the state building code agency to adopt design and construction standards for radon control in new residential buildings and new public buildings, including schools. Pursuant to the law, the new standards are applicable in seven counties listed in the law, as well as others the agency may consider appropriate in light of local radon levels. Regulations adopted under the law incorporate requirements for passive soil depressurization into the Structural Specialty Code for public buildings.

Senate Bill 1511 A would require publicly funded schools that undertake certain renovations specified in the bill, to test for radon and undertake mitigation measures if testing results meet or exceed certain parameters. The Act also requires schools to report test results to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The OHA is required to reimburse the schools for the cost of testing once test results are reported.