Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly - 2015 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

MEASURE: SB 574 A CARRIER: Sen. Shields Sen. Olsen

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 03/04/15

Action: Do Pass With Amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Meeting Dates: 03/04

Vote:

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley

Exc: 1 - Thomsen

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Construction Contractors Board to adopt rules for the issuance of residential restoration contractor licenses for persons providing restoration work on residential or small commercial structure following man-made or natural disaster. Declares effective date as July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Firefighter responsibilities
- Personal stories regarding fire and flood disasters
- Work group process

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Changes date for Construction Contractors Board rules adoption to January 1, 2017. Modifies effective date to July 1, 2017.

BACKGROUND:

Senate Bill 574A has its origins in Senate Bill 1571A (2014), in which, during deliberations on the measure, the Legislative Assembly heard concerns from the public on restoration companies approaching homeowners and renters to solicit work while their homes and belongings were being lost to fire. Some restoration services, such as "board up" and construction services are licensed and regulated by the Construction Contractors Board. Companies that just advertise restoration and cleaning have limited regulation.

After Senate Bill 1571A was not enacted in 2014, a work group formed to address the issues; the result of that work group is Senate Bill 574A.