

HB 3189 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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Meeting Dates: 4/10, 4/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes Department of Building Codes. Transfers duties, functions and powers from Division of Building Codes within Department of Consumer and Business Services to Department of Building Codes. Establishes Department of Building Codes Fund. Appropriates fund moneys for use by Department of Building Codes.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- History of Building Codes Division (BCD)
- Loss of BCD positions during Great Recession have not been regained
- Potential benefits of BCD as a standalone agency
- Potential cost savings

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Building Codes Division administers Oregon's Statewide Building Code, which provides uniform standards that ensure newly constructed residential and commercial buildings are safe for citizens to occupy. The division also administers and regulates building laws and rules, and licenses qualified businesses and individuals who work in these trades: electrical, plumbing, boiler and pressure vessel, and elevator. There are seven governor-appointed boards that assist the division in carrying out its mission of ensuring safe construction while promoting a positive business climate.