

SB 67 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines terms in statutes related to real estate. Clarifies language related to the system for registration and renewal of business names for businesses regulated by the Oregon Real Estate Agency. Exempts certain checks from the requirement to deposit funds into clients' trust accounts. Requires real estate licensees to notify the Agency of certain activities related to clients' trust accounts. Prohibits certain individuals from sharing compensation paid to a real estate licensee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Real Estate Agency (OREA) is the state's regulatory entity for persons and businesses doing business in the real estate industry. Its mission is to provide protection for Oregon consumers of real estate, escrow and land development services, balanced with a professional environment conducive to a healthy real estate market. The Agency is overseen by a nine-member board appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms.

Senate Bill 67 is the product of a comprehensive review Chapter 696 of the Oregon Revised Statutes by the agency with the input of a large number of OREA licensees. The measure makes a number of technical fixes and language clean-ups. In addition, the measure removes the requirement to create a client trust account when acting as a courier; and provides that licensed real estate managers may not solicit potential tenants without a written property management agreement from the lessor.

Senate vote: 28-0