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HB 2279 – Appraiser Registration

What the Measure Does: Transfers responsibility for registration and education of appraisers from DAS to the DOR, consolidates certain appraiser classifications, and eliminates an obsolete requirement.

Background:

- a) The authority and responsibility for administering the appraisal exam, certifying registration, maintaining continuing education, and revoking registrations is split between the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and Revenue (DOR). This causes confusion and administrative delay.
- b) ORS 308.010 requires that there be three levels of Property Appraiser classifications. However these classifications bear no relationship with the actual job classifications used by the counties or the DOR.
- c) ORS 308.015 allows any person who does not qualify to sit for an appraisal registration exam to enter into a trainee program to achieve qualification. The first requirement is for the person is to pass “a general knowledge examination prepared by the Personnel Division, and conducted and graded by the division or the appropriate county civil service body which examination shall test the applicant’s competence and aptitudes to become a registered appraiser.” DAS, however, does not maintain a general knowledge exam. The “Personnel Division” within DAS is now known as the Chief Human Resources Office (CHRO).

Solution:

- a) Amend ORS 308.010 to transfer authority for administering the registered appraiser exam, issuing registration certificates, revoking registrations, and setting education and experience requirements for the Property Appraiser position to DOR.
- b) Amend ORS 308.010 to consolidate the Property Appraiser I, II and III classifications into a single Property Appraiser certification.
- c) Amend ORS 308.015 to remove the requirement for an appraiser trainee to take a general knowledge exam prepared by the Personnel Division.

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