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SUMMARY

Requires Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to amend state mechanical, heating and ventilating code to require use of current best available technology for filtering outside air admitted into buildings and to require that all outside air admitted into buildings passes through filtration technology during periods in which air outside building poses significant risk of harm to health or safety of occupants of building. Specifies standards that code amendment must meet.

Becomes operative January 1, 2022.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to filtration requirements for air admitted into buildings; creating new provisions; amending ORS 455.445; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 455.445 is amended to read:

455.445. *[(1)] (1)(a) [After considering the recommendations of the Indoor Air Pollution Task Force, and as expeditiously as possible,]* The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt ventilation standards for public areas and office workplaces that are at least equivalent to the most recent, nationally recognized ventilation standards generally accepted and in use throughout the United States.

(b) The director as necessary shall amend the state mechanical, heating and ventilating code to require use of the current best available technology for filtering outside air admitted into buildings, including private residences that employ heating, ventilating and cooling technologies, and to require that all outside air admitted into buildings

passes through the filtration technology during periods in which air outside the building poses a significant risk of harm to the health or safety of occupants of the building. In the code, the director shall specify standards that are appropriate for the type of building to which the standards apply and that are at least equivalent to the standards that the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers specifies for building readiness in “ASHRAE 189.1, section 8.3.1.3 Filtration and Air Cleaner Requirements.” The director may also consider the recommendations of the Mechanical Board and other sources in specifying standards under this paragraph.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section, the director shall adopt building codes and building product standards to protect the indoor air quality of private residences but only as necessary to address serious or unique indoor air quality problems in Oregon [*when*] if federal statutes, regulations and national codes fail to address building product and building code related indoor air quality problems.

[(3) As expeditiously as possible, the director shall consider for adoption the ventilation standards recommended by the Indoor Air Pollution Task Force.]

SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 455.445 by section 1 of this 2021 Act become operative on January 1, 2022.

(2) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may adopt rules and take any other action before the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section that is necessary to enable the director, on and after the operative date specified in subsection (1) of this section, to undertake and exercise all of the duties, functions and powers conferred on the director by the amendments to ORS 455.445 by section 1 of this 2021 Act.

SECTION 3. This 2021 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2021 regular session of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.

