

SB 410 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates Department of Consumer and Business Services regulation of recreational vehicle construction. Eliminates general definition of recreational vehicle for purposes of manufactured structure construction statutes. Creates substitute definition of recreational vehicle for use in statutes outside manufactured construction statutes. Expands types of structures intended for out-of-state delivery exempted from plan review, inspection, electrical, plumbing, or other state building code requirements.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Eliminates Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) regulation of recreational vehicle and recreational structure construction. Deletes definition of manufactured structure and recreational vehicle and related references. Replaces references to manufactured structure with references to manufactured dwelling where necessary to preserve regulation of manufactured dwellings. Clarifies state building code and license exemptions for residential prefabricated structures to be delivered in another state. Clarifies electrical and plumbing license exemptions for construction of recreational vehicle. Creates substitute definitions of recreational vehicle, manufactured structure for use in specified statutes. Creates substitute definitions for use in statutes outside outside manufactured construction statutes. Makes conforming amendments. Maintains DCBS definition of recreational vehicle adopted in rule until repealed or amended by Director of Transportation. Clarifies that measure does not divest DCBS or local building inspection program of authority over violations committed prior to effective date.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to regulate the construction of manufactured structures, which are defined as recreational vehicles (RVs), manufactured dwellings, and recreational structures. Manufacturers obtain certification by registering with DCBS and providing an approved quality control manual. Certified manufacturers may purchase insignias of compliance from the DCBS which are affixed to RVs intended for rent, lease, or sale in this state. RVs registered and titled in another state are not subject to the requirement to bare an insignia of compliance. Oregon is one of three states in the nation that regulate the construction of RVs.

Recreational structures are defined as campground structures for limited-time use, including yurts and cabins. Manufactured dwellings are prefabricated structures regulated under the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). DCBS regulates the construction of manufactured dwellings on behalf of HUD.

Senate Bill 410 with the -2 amendments eliminates DCBS regulation of recreational vehicle and recreational structure construction. The measure creates a replacement definition of RV for the purposes of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and keeps the current definition adopted in rule in effect until repealed or replaced by ODOT.