

HB 3157 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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Meeting Dates: 4/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Instructs Director of Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to modify the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code to require dwellings constructed under the code to include one or more appropriate methods of alternative energy collection or generation. Authorizes DCBS to take steps necessary to implement provisions of this Act by December 15, 2020. Takes effect 91st day following adjournment sine die.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon's Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code is administered by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS), Building Codes Division, and contains all the requirements, including structural design provisions, related to the construction of residential dwellings three stories or less above grade.

Oregon has energy codes and standards for buildings that set a minimum standard of energy efficiency. The codes cover insulation, equipment, windows, lighting, and other elements of construction. The Oregon Department of Energy acts as a consultant to the Building Codes Division to evaluate and adopt energy codes and amendments, and the Building Codes Division administers residential energy code provisions through the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

House Bill 3157 would direct DCBS to include a requirement that low-rise dwellings constructed under the code must include one or more appropriate methods of alternative energy collection or generation.