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Requested by HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Paul Holvey)

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO **HOUSE BILL 2420**

1	On page 1 of the printed bill, line 4, after "455.450," insert "455.475,".
2	Delete lines 7 through 19 and delete pages 2 through 24 and insert:
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4	"GENERAL DEFINITIONS
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6	"SECTION 1. ORS 455.010 is amended to read:
7	"455.010. As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:
8	"(1)(a) 'Advisory board' means the board with responsibility for assisting
9	in the adoption, amendment or administration of a specialty code, specif-
LO	ically:
11	"(A) The Building Codes Structures Board established under ORS 455.132
12	"(B) The Electrical and Elevator Board established under ORS 455.138;
13	"(C) The State Plumbing Board established under ORS 693.115;
l4	"(D) The Board of Boiler Rules established under ORS 480.535;
15	"(E) The Residential and Manufactured Structures Board established un-
16	der ORS 455.135;
L7	"(F) The Mechanical Board established under ORS 455.140; or
18	"(G) The Construction Industry Energy Board established under ORS
19	455.492.
20	"(b) 'Appropriate advisory board' means the advisory board that has ju-
21	risdiction over a particular code, standard, license, certification or matter.

- "(2) 'Department' means the Department of Consumer and Business Services.
- 3 "(3) 'Director' means the Director of the Department of Consumer and 4 Business Services.
- "(4) 'Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code' means the adopted specialty code prescribing standards for the construction of residential dwellings that are three stories or less above grade and have an exterior door for each dwelling unit, but are not facilities or homes described in ORS 443.400 or transient lodging.
 - "(5) 'Municipal building official' means a person who is charged by a municipality with responsibility for the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program in the municipality and is:
 - "(a) An employee of the municipality; or

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- "(b) A person employed under an intergovernmental agreement or by a council of governments to carry out that responsibility:
- "(A) In two or more adjacent counties that the department determines by rule can be reasonably served by the person on a timely basis; and
 - "(B) In municipalities located within counties described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
 - "(6) 'Municipal inspector' means a person who performs routine enforcement of one or more state building code specialty codes or parts of one or more specialty codes for a municipality and is:
 - "(a) An employee of the municipality; or
 - "(b) A person employed under an intergovernmental agreement or by a council of governments or acting as an independent contractor exercising actual or apparent authority under the contract to perform that routine enforcement:
- 29 "(A) In two or more adjacent counties that the department deter-30 mines by rule can be reasonably served by the person on a timely ba-

sis; and

- "(B) In municipalities located within counties described in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph.
- "[(5)] (7) 'Municipality' means a city, county or other unit of local government otherwise authorized by law to administer a building code.
- "[(6)] (8) 'Prefabricated structure' means a building or subassembly that has been in whole or substantial part manufactured or assembled using closed construction at an off-site location to be wholly or partially assembled on-site. 'Prefabricated structure' does not include a manufactured dwelling, recreational structure or recreational vehicle, as those terms are defined in ORS 446.003.
- "[(7)] (9) 'Specialty code' means a code of regulations adopted under ORS 446.062, 446.185, 447.020 (2), 455.020 (2), 455.496, 455.610, 455.680, 460.085, 460.360, 479.730 (1) or 480.545, but does not include regulations adopted by the State Fire Marshal pursuant to ORS chapter 476 or ORS 479.015 to 479.200 and 479.210 to 479.220.
- "[(8)] (10) 'State building code' means the combined specialty codes.
- "[(9)] (11) 'Structural code' means the specialty code prescribing structural standards for building construction.
- "[(10)] (12) 'Unsafe condition' means a condition caused by earthquake
 which is determined by the department or any representative of the department to be dangerous to life and property. 'Unsafe condition' includes but
 is not limited to:
- "(a) Any portion, member or appurtenance of a building that has become detached or dislodged or appears likely to fail or collapse and thereby injure persons or damage property; or
- "(b) Any portion, of a building or structure that has been damaged by earthquake, or by fire or explosion resulting from an earthquake, to the extent that the structural strength or stability of the building is substantially less than it was prior to the earthquake.

"BUILDING OFFICIAL AND INSPECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

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- "SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
 a municipal building official serving a municipality that administers
 and enforces a building inspection program under ORS 455.148 or
 455.150 must hold a valid certificate as an A-level inspector issued by
 the Department of Consumer and Business Services or by a national
 organization recognized by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services by rule and have:
- "(a) Five or more years of experience performing A-level structural
 plan review under an appropriate certificate;
 - "(b) Five or more years of experience performing A-level structural inspections under an appropriate certificate; or
 - "(c) A bachelor's degree or higher degree in architecture, mechanical engineering or electrical engineering.
 - "(2) A person who does not meet the requirements under subsection
 (1) of this section may serve as a municipal building official for a
 municipality if the municipality employs a lead municipal inspector
 who possesses some of the qualifications described under subsection
 (1) of this section as specified in department rules.
- "SECTION 3. ORS 455.715 is amended to read:
- 22 "455.715. As used in ORS 455.715 to 455.740, unless the context otherwise requires:
- "(1) 'Building official' means a person charged by a municipality with responsibility for administration and enforcement of the state building code in the municipality.
- "(2) 'Business of providing prefabricated structure plan approvals and inspections' means an independent contractor providing prefabricated structure plan approval or inspection services, or both, under the following specialty codes, as provided in ORS 455.020, 455.705 and 455.715:

- 1 "(a) Structural;
- 2 "(b) Mechanical;
- 3 "(c) Plumbing;

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- 4 "(d) Electrical; [and] or
- 5 "(e) Low-rise residential dwelling.
- 6 "(3) 'Inspector' means:
- "(a) A person, including a plans examiner, [acting under the authority and direction of a building official and] charged by a municipality with the responsibility of routine enforcement of one or more specialty codes or parts of specialty codes on behalf of the municipality;
- "(b) A person, including a plans examiner, who provides enforcement of one or more specialty codes or parts of specialty codes and who is personally in the business of providing prefabricated structure plan approvals or inspections or is employed by such a business;
- "(c) A specialized building inspector certified under ORS 455.723 who [is employed by] provides services to a municipality or [by] through the Department of Consumer and Business Services;
 - "(d) A person [employed by] **providing services to** a municipality or the department who is certified under ORS 455.732 to perform inspections under one or more specialty codes throughout a building code administrative region; or
- "(e) A person designated by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to ensure compliance with a specialty code or with any requirement for a license, registration, certification, endorsement or other authorization to perform work [related to the administration and enforcement of] regulated under the state building code.
- "SECTION 4. ORS 455.720 is amended to read:
- "455.720. (1) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, to promote effective and uniform enforcement of the state building code by improving the competence of building officials and inspectors, the Director

- of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, with the advice of the advisory boards, shall:
- "(a) Establish for building officials and inspectors reasonable minimum training and experience standards, including but not limited to courses or subjects for instruction, facilities for instruction, qualification of instructors and methods of instruction. The standards shall include provisions for determining a practical experience equivalent.
- "(b) Establish a procedure to be used by municipalities to determine
 whether a person meets minimum standards or has minimum training to [be
 appointed or employed] provide services as a building official or inspector.
 The procedure shall allow for a field examination of a person to determine
 if the person meets the practical experience equivalent of a minimum standard.
 - "(c) Subject to such terms, conditions and classifications as the director may impose, certify building officials as being qualified, and revoke such certifications in the manner provided in ORS 455.740.
- "(d) Require an applicant for a certificate as a building official or inspector to demonstrate knowledge of the laws governing accessibility to buildings by persons with disabilities by passing an examination prescribed by the director.
 - "(2) The director shall maintain and, upon request of [municipalities, furnish information on applicants for appointment or employment as building officials or inspectors.] a municipality, furnish information on candidates for the provision of municipal building official services, or municipal inspector services, to the municipality.
- "(3) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the director shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the certification programs provided by subsection (1) of this section.
- "(4) The director, by rule, may require evidence of completion of continuing education covering any certification created under this section as a

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- condition of maintaining the certification. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit the director from delegating any of this power to a municipality.
- "(5) The director, with the advice of the appropriate advisory boards, may adopt rules for certifying inspectors as being qualified to enforce one or more particular specialty codes, subject to any terms, conditions and classifications the director may impose, and for revoking those certifications in the manner provided in ORS 455.740.

"SECTION 5. ORS 455.723 is amended to read:

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- "455.723. (1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business
 Services, with the advice of the appropriate advisory boards, may adopt rules
 establishing one or more programs to train, qualify and certify an individual
 as a specialized building inspector authorized to enforce [portions] parts of
 specialty codes. Notwithstanding ORS 455.720 (1) and 455.725, the rules may
 include, but need not be limited to, rules that establish:
- 15 "(a) Work experience, training and other qualifications for program par-16 ticipation;
 - "(b) Content and presentation requirements for training programs;
- "(c) Methods for verifying the qualification of the individual to enforce [portions] parts of specialty codes as a specialized building inspector certified under this section;
 - "(d) The [portions] **parts** of various specialty codes that each program will enable a qualifying individual to enforce and any terms, conditions or classifications applicable for that enforcement; and
 - "(e) Requirements the director believes reasonable for the administration and enforcement of this section.
- "(2) Notwithstanding ORS 446.250, 455.630, 455.720, 455.725, 479.530, 479.810 and 479.855, the director may issue or cause to be issued a certificate as a specialized building inspector to an individual who successfully completes an approved training program and satisfies qualification verification under this section. A specialized building inspector may be trained and

certified in parts of more than one specialty code.

"(3) An individual certified as a specialized building inspector under this section may conduct inspections and enforce [portions] parts of specialty codes under ORS 479.510 to 479.945 and 479.950 and this chapter and ORS chapters 446, 447 and 693 as identified by the director. The enforcement of [portions] parts of specialty codes by a specialized building inspector is subject to any terms, conditions or classifications applicable to that enforcement established by the director by rule.

"SECTION 6. ORS 455.730 is amended to read:

"455.730. [No person shall be appointed or employed as a building official or inspector by any municipality] A municipality may not accept municipal building official or municipal inspector services from a person unless the person has been certified as being qualified under ORS 455.715 to 455.740, and the certification has not lapsed or been revoked.

"SECTION 7. ORS 455.732 is amended to read:

- "455.732. (1) As used in this section, 'building code administrative region' means a region established by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services under ORS 455.042 for the uniform administration of the state building code.
- "(2) The authority of the director under **this section and** ORS 455.720 and 455.723 to specify terms, conditions and classifications for the certification of inspectors includes the authority to certify an inspector to perform inspections under multiple specialty codes or parts of a specialty code.
- "(3) The director may provide for an inspector who is likely to be employed within a specific building code administrative region to be certified to perform inspections throughout a building code administrative region, whether within or outside of a municipality. The director may recognize any training program certified by the director under ORS 455.723 or 455.725 for purposes of certifying an inspector to perform inspections throughout a building code administrative region. This subsection does not require a

- 1 municipality administering and enforcing a building inspection program un-
- 2 der ORS 455.148 or 455.150 to allow an inspector certified under this sub-
- 3 section who is not [employed by] an employee of the municipality to perform
- 4 building inspections on behalf of the municipality.
- 5 "(4) In determining the appropriate experience, training or other quali-
- 6 fications for an inspector under ORS 455.720 or 455.723, the director shall
- 7 consult with the appropriate advisory boards. The factors to be considered
- 8 by the director may include, but need not be limited to:
- 9 "(a) Any factors specific to, or of particular relevance to, a specialty code
- or to the types of buildings, structures, systems or equipment in a geographic
- area that are inspected under the specialty code;
- 12 "(b) Staffing levels or other specific criteria for building inspection pro-
- grams established by a municipality where the inspector is likely to [be em-
- 14 ployed] **provide services** or for building inspection programs established by
- 15 the director; and

- 16 "(c) Any factors specific to, or of particular relevance to, the building
- 17 code administrative region within which the inspector is likely to [be em-
- 18 ployed provide services.
- "(5) In determining the scope of certifications and qualifications for an
- 20 inspector, the director may utilize field training equivalency, independent
- evaluations or other methods the director deems appropriate.
 - **"SECTION 8.** ORS 455.737 is amended to read:
- 23 "455.737. (1) Notwithstanding ORS 455.720 (1), the Director of the De-
- 24 partment of Consumer and Business Services, by rule, shall adopt criteria for
- 25 review of the experience and training in building inspection and building
- 26 plan review acquired by a person outside the State of Oregon. The criteria
- shall be adopted in a manner that facilitates review of a person's qualifica-
- 28 tions by a [local] **municipal** building official.
- 29 "(2)(a) A [local] municipal building official who wishes to [employ] use
- 30 the services of a person who is not certified under ORS 455.735 as an in-

- spector shall submit the person's qualifications to the director. The director
- 2 shall review the stated qualifications against the criteria adopted under
- 3 subsection (1) of this section, including verification of experience and train-
- 4 ing. The director shall respond to the [local] municipal building official in
- 5 writing within 10 working days of receiving the applicant's qualifications,
- 6 stating whether the person meets the applicable criteria.
- 7 "(b) Upon application and payment of the required fee, the director shall
- 8 allow a person whose qualifications meet the criteria adopted under sub-
- 9 section (1) of this section to sit for any examination necessary for the re-
- 10 quired certification.
 - **"SECTION 9.** ORS 455.740 is amended to read:
- "455.740. (1) Subject to ORS chapter 183, the Director of the Department
- of Consumer and Business Services may deny, condition, suspend, revoke or
- refuse to renew a certificate of a building official or inspector if the director
- 15 finds that the building official or inspector has:
- 16 "(a) Consistently failed to act in the public interest in the performance
- of duties;

- 18 "(b) Failed to complete the continuing education requirements as required
- 19 under ORS 455.720 (4);
- 20 "(c) Provided false information to the Department of Consumer and
- 21 Business Services; or
 - "(d) Committed an act described in ORS 455.125 or 455.129.
- "(2) In any revocation proceeding under this section, [the] a municipality
- or council of governments that employs the building official or inspector
- 25 [shall be] is entitled to appear as a party in interest, either for or against
- 26 the revocation.
- 27 "(3) When a certification is suspended or revoked under this section, the
- 28 director may also suspend, deny or place conditions on that person's right
- 29 to reapply for certification under ORS 455.735 for a period not to exceed 12
- 30 months.

- "(4) This section does not limit or otherwise affect the authority of a municipality to dismiss or suspend a building official or inspector at the discretion of the municipality.
- "(5) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsections (1) to (4) of this section, the director may adopt rules that:
 - "(a) Allow certifications to be placed on inactive status; and
 - "(b) Extend continuing education compliance requirements in case of illness or hardship.

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- "SECTION 10. (1) If a municipal building official makes a building inspection program decision that is adverse to a party, and the decision is not a code interpretation, a ruling on design or materials or a ruling on other technical or scientific issues reserved by law for determination by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, the Department of Consumer and Business Services, a chief specialty code inspector or an advisory board, the municipality shall provide an administrative process for appealing the decision.
- "(2) At the time of making the decision, the municipal building official shall, in writing:
 - "(a) State that the party may appeal the decision; and
- "(b) Describe the means and the deadline for informing the municipality that the party is appealing the decision.
 - "(3) The municipal administrative process must:
- "(a) Afford the party an opportunity to appeal the decision before an individual, department or body that is other than the municipal building official or a municipal inspector; and
 - "(b) Not be a judicial proceeding in a court of law.

- "(4) If a municipal inspector makes a determination that is adverse to a party, and the municipal building official fails to timely review the municipal inspector's determination and issue a decision, the municipality shall treat the failure as a municipal building official decision affirming the municipal inspector and provide the party a reasonable opportunity to use the municipal administrative process to appeal.
 - "(5) The costs incurred by a municipality in providing notice and administrative process under this section are building inspection program administration and enforcement costs for the purpose of fee adoption under ORS 455.210.
- "SECTION 11. A person, regardless of how employed, who performs
 plan review, building inspection services or building official services
 for a municipality:
 - "(1) Is a public official for the purposes of ORS chapter 244;
- 16 "(2) May not render services of any type to a business engaged in 17 construction or property development; and
 - "(3) May not use the provision of services to the municipality, or the person's contract or other agreement to provide services to the municipality, for private financial gain outside the scope of providing services to the municipality.
 - **"SECTION 12.** ORS 455.148 is amended to read:
- "455.148. (1)(a) A municipality that assumes the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program shall administer and enforce the program for all of the following:
- 26 "(A) The state building code, as defined in ORS 455.010, except as set 27 forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- 28 "(B) Manufactured structure installation requirements under ORS 446.155, 29 446.185 (1) and 446.230.
 - "(C) Manufactured dwelling parks and mobile home parks under ORS

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- 1 chapter 446.
- 2 "(D) Park and camp programs regulated under ORS 455.680.
- 3 "(E) Tourist facilities regulated under ORS 446.310 to 446.350.
- 4 "(F) Manufactured dwelling alterations regulated under ORS 446.155.
- 5 "(G) Manufactured structure accessory buildings and structures under 6 ORS 446.253.
- 7 "(H) Boilers and pressure vessels described in rules adopted under ORS 8 480.525 (5).
- 9 "(b) A building inspection program of a municipality may not include:
- "(A) Boiler and pressure vessel programs under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 except those described in rules adopted under ORS 480.525 (5);
- "(B) Elevator programs under ORS 460.005 to 460.175;
- "(C) Amusement ride regulation under ORS 460.310 to 460.370;
- "(D) Prefabricated structure regulation under ORS chapter 455;
- 15 "(E) Manufacture of manufactured structures programs under ORS 446.155
- to 446.285, including the administration and enforcement of federal manu-
- 17 factured dwelling construction and safety standards adopted under ORS
- 18 446.155 or the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety
- 19 Standards Act of 1974;
- 20 "(F) Licensing and certification, or the adoption of statewide codes and 21 standards, under ORS chapter 446, 447, 455, 479 or 693; or
- 22 "(G) Review of plans and specifications as provided in ORS 455.685.
- "(2) A municipality that administers a building inspection program as allowed under this section shall do so for periods of four years. The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt rules to adjust time periods for administration of a building inspection program to allow for variations in the needs of the department and participants.
- "(3)(a) When a municipality administers a building inspection program, the governing body of the municipality shall[, unless other means are already provided, appoint a person to administer and enforce the building inspection

- program, who shall be known as the building official. A building official shall, in the municipality for which appointed, attend to all aspects of code enforcement, including the issuance of all building permits. Two or more municipalities may combine in the appointment of a single building official for the purpose of administering a building inspection program within their com-munities.] arrange for the services of a municipal building official, and if necessary a lead municipal inspector, in accordance with section 2 of this 2019 Act.
 - "(b) Except as provided in this subsection, the municipal building official shall be responsible for ensuring the adequate and proper administration and enforcement of building inspection program activities, including but not limited to the issuance of building permits. The municipal building official shall provide supervision for municipal inspectors.
 - "(4)(a) By January 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the four-year period described in subsection (2) of this section, the governing body of the municipality shall notify the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services and, if the municipality is not a county, notify the county whether the municipality will continue to administer and enforce the building inspection program after expiration of the four-year period.
 - "(b) Notwithstanding the January 1 date set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection, the director and the municipality and, if the municipality is not a county, the county may by agreement extend that date to no later than March 1.
 - "(5) If a city does not notify the director, or notifies the director that it will not administer the building inspection program, the county or counties in which the city is located shall administer and enforce the county program within the city in the same manner as the program is administered and enforced outside the city, except as provided by subsection (6) of this section.
 - "(6) If a county does not notify the director, or notifies the director that

- 1 it will not administer and enforce a building inspection program, the director
- 2 shall contract with a municipality or other person or use such state em-
- 3 ployees or state agencies as are necessary to administer and enforce a
- 4 building inspection program, and permit or other fees arising therefrom shall
- 5 be paid into the Consumer and Business Services Fund created by ORS
- 6 705.145 and credited to the account responsible for paying the expenses
- 7 thereof. A state employee may not be displaced as a result of using contract
- 8 personnel.

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- 9 "(7) The governing body of a municipality may commence responsibility
- 10 for the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program be-
- ginning July 1 of any year by notifying the director no later than January
- 12 1 of the same year and obtaining the director's approval of an assumption
- plan as described in subsection [(11)(c)] (12)(c) of this section.
- 14 "(8) The department shall adopt rules to require the governing body of
- 15 each municipality assuming or continuing a building inspection program
- under this section to submit a written plan with the notice required under
- subsection (4) or (7) of this section. If the department is the governing body,
- 18 the department shall have a plan on file. The plan must specify how coop
 - eration with the State Fire Marshal or a designee of the State Fire Marshal
- 20 will be achieved and how a uniform fire code will be considered in the review
- 21 process of the design and construction phases of buildings or structures.
 - "(9) A municipal inspector who is not an employee of the munici-
 - pality shall, subject to the approval of the municipal building official,
 - establish the resources used or needed for the municipal inspector to
 - perform routine enforcement services and establish the method by
- 26 which the enforcement services are to be performed.
 - "[(9)] (10) A municipality that administers and enforces a building in-
- 28 spection program pursuant to this section shall recognize and accept the
- 29 performances of state building code activities by businesses and persons au-
- thorized under ORS 455.457 to perform the activities as if the activities were

- 1 performed by the municipality. A municipality is not required to accept an
- 2 inspection, a plan or a plan review that does not meet the requirements of
- 3 the state building code.
- 4 "[(10)] (11) The department or a municipality that accepts an inspection
- 5 or plan review as required by this section by a person licensed under ORS
- 6 455.457 has no responsibility or liability for the activities of the licensee.
- 7 "[(11)] (12) In addition to the requirements of ORS 455.100 and 455.110,
- 8 the director shall regulate building inspection programs that municipalities
- 9 assume on or after January 1, 2002. Regulation under this subsection shall
- include but not be limited to:
- "(a) Creating building inspection program application and amendment
- 12 requirements and procedures;
- 13 "(b) Granting or denying applications for building inspection program
- 14 authority and amendments;
- 15 "(c) Requiring a municipality assuming a building inspection program to
- submit with the notice given under subsection (7) of this section an as-
- sumption plan that includes, at a minimum:
- "(A) A description of the intended availability of program services, in-
- 19 cluding proposed service agreements for carrying out the program during at
- 20 least the first two years;
- 21 "(B) Demonstration of the ability and intent to provide building in-
- 22 spection program services for at least two years;
- 23 "(C) An estimate of proposed permit revenue and program operating ex-
- 24 penses;
- 25 "(D) Proposed staffing levels; and
- 26 "(E) Proposed service levels;
- 27 "(d) Reviewing procedures and program operations of municipalities;
- 28 "(e) Creating standards for efficient, effective, timely and acceptable
- 29 building inspection programs;
- "(f) Creating standards for justifying increases in building inspection

- 1 program fees adopted by a municipality;
- 2 "(g) Creating standards for determining whether a county or department
- 3 building inspection program is economically impaired in its ability to rea-
- 4 sonably continue providing the program throughout a county, if another
- 5 municipality is allowed to provide a building inspection program within the
- 6 same county; and

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- 7 "(h) Enforcing the requirements of this section.
- 8 "[(12)] (13) The department may assume administration and enforcement
- 9 of a building inspection program:
- "(a) During the pendency of activities under ORS 455.770;
- "(b) If a municipality abandons or is no longer able to administer the building inspection program; and
- "(c) If a municipality fails to substantially comply with any provision of this section or of ORS 455.465, 455.467 and 455.469.
- "[(13)] (14) If the department assumes the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program under this section, in addition to any other power granted to the director, the director may:
- "(a) Enter into agreements with local governments under ORS 455.185 regarding the administration and enforcement of the assumed building inspection program;
 - "(b) Take action as described in ORS 455.192 to ensure that sufficient staff and other resources are available for the administration and enforcement of the assumed building inspection program; and
- "(c) Charge fees described in ORS 455.195 for department services provided in administering and enforcing the assumed building inspection program.
- "[(14)] (15) A municipality that abandons or otherwise ceases to administer and enforce a building inspection program that the municipality assumed under this section may not resume the administration or enforcement of the program for at least two years. The municipality may resume the adminis-

- 1 tration and enforcement of the abandoned program only on July 1 of an
- 2 odd-numbered year. Prior to resuming the administration and enforcement
- 3 of the program, the municipality must follow the notification procedure set
- 4 forth in subsection (7) of this section.
- **"SECTION 13.** ORS 455.150 is amended to read:
- 6 "455.150. (1) Except as provided in subsection [(15)] (16) of this section,
- 7 a municipality that assumes the administration and enforcement of a build-
- 8 ing inspection program prior to January 1, 2002, may administer and enforce
- 9 all or part of a building inspection program. A building inspection program:
- "(a) Is a program that includes the following:
- 11 "(A) The state building code, as defined in ORS 455.010, except as set 12 forth in paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- "(B) Manufactured structure installation requirements under ORS 446.155, 446.185 (1) and 446.230.
- 15 "(C) Manufactured dwelling parks and mobile home parks under ORS 16 chapter 446.
- "(D) Park and camp programs regulated under ORS 455.680.
- "(E) Tourist facilities regulated under ORS 446.310 to 446.350.
- "(F) Manufactured dwelling alterations regulated under ORS 446.155.
- 20 "(G) Manufactured structure accessory buildings and structures under 21 ORS 446.253.
- 22 "(H) Boilers and pressure vessels described in rules adopted under ORS 480.525 (5).
- "(b) Is not a program that includes:
- 25 "(A) Boiler and pressure vessel programs under ORS 480.510 to 480.670 26 except those described in rules adopted under ORS 480.525 (5);
- 27 "(B) Elevator programs under ORS 460.005 to 460.175;
- 28 "(C) Amusement ride regulation under ORS 460.310 to 460.370;
- "(D) Prefabricated structure regulation under ORS chapter 455;
- 30 "(E) Manufacture of manufactured structures programs under ORS 446.155

- to 446.285, including the administration and enforcement of federal manu-
- 2 factured dwelling construction and safety standards adopted under ORS
- 3 446.155 or the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety
- 4 Standards Act of 1974;
- 5 "(F) Licensing and certification, or the adoption of statewide codes and 6 standards, under ORS chapter 446, 447, 455, 479 or 693; and
- 7 "(G) Review of plans and specifications as provided in ORS 455.685.
- "(2) A municipality that administers a building inspection program as allowed under this section shall do so for periods of four years. The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall adopt rules to adjust time periods for administration of a building inspection program to allow for variations in the needs of the department and participants.
- "(3)(a) When a municipality administers a building inspection program, 13 the governing body of the municipality shall[, unless other means are already 14 provided, appoint a person to administer and enforce the building inspection 15 program or parts thereof, who shall be known as the building official. A 16 building official shall, in the municipality for which appointed, attend to all 17 aspects of code enforcement, including the issuance of all building permits. 18 Two or more municipalities may combine in the appointment of a single 19 building official for the purpose of administering a building inspection pro-20 gram within their communities.] arrange for the services of a municipal 21 building official, and if necessary a lead municipal inspector, in ac-22 cordance with section 2 of this 2019 Act. 23
 - "(b) Except as provided in this subsection, the municipal building official shall be responsible for ensuring the adequate and proper administration and enforcement of building inspection program activities, including but not limited to the issuance of building permits. The municipal building official shall provide supervision for municipal inspectors.
 - "(4)(a) By January 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the four-year

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- 1 period described in subsection (2) of this section, the governing body of the
- 2 municipality shall notify the Director of the Department of Consumer and
- 3 Business Services and, if not a county, notify the county whether the
- 4 municipality will continue to administer the building inspection program, or
- 5 parts thereof, after expiration of the four-year period. If parts of a building
- 6 inspection program are to be administered and enforced by a municipality,
- 7 the parts shall correspond to a classification designated by the director as
- 8 reasonable divisions of work.
- 9 "(b) Notwithstanding the January 1 date set forth in paragraph (a) of this
- subsection, the director and the municipality and, if the municipality is not
- 11 a county, the county may by agreement extend that date to no later than
- 12 March 1.

- "(5) If a city does not notify the director, or notifies the director that it
- 14 will not administer certain specialty codes or parts thereof under the build-
- ing inspection program, the county or counties in which the city is located
- shall administer and enforce those codes or parts thereof within the city in
- the same manner as it administers and enforces them outside the city, except
- as provided by subsection (6) of this section.
- "(6) If a county does not notify the director, or notifies the director that
- 20 it will not administer and enforce certain specialty codes or parts thereof
 - under the building inspection program, the director shall contract with a
- 22 municipality or other person or use such state employees or state agencies
- 23 as are necessary to administer and enforce those codes or parts thereof, and
- 24 permit or other fees arising therefrom shall be paid into the Consumer and
- 25 Business Services Fund created by ORS 705.145 and credited to the account
- 26 responsible for paying such expenses. A state employee may not be displaced
- 27 as a result of using contract personnel.
- 28 "(7) If a municipality administering a building inspection program under
- 29 this section seeks to administer additional parts of a program, the munici-
- 30 pality must comply with ORS 455.148, including the requirement that the

- municipality administer and enforce all aspects of the building inspection program. Thereafter, the municipality is subject to ORS 455.148 and ceases to be subject to this section.
- "(8) The department shall adopt rules to require the governing body of each municipality to submit a written plan with the notice required under subsection (4) of this section. If the department is the governing body, the department shall have a plan on file. The plan shall specify how cooperation with the State Fire Marshal or a designee of the State Fire Marshal will be achieved and how a uniform fire code will be considered in the review process of the design and construction phases of buildings or structures.
 - "(9) A municipal inspector who is not an employee of the municipality shall, subject to the approval of the municipal building official, establish the resources used or needed for the municipal inspector to perform routine enforcement services and establish the method by which the enforcement services are to be performed.
 - "[(9)] (10) A municipality that administers a code for which persons or businesses are authorized under ORS 455.457 to perform activities shall recognize and accept those activities as if performed by the municipality. A municipality is not required to accept an inspection, a plan or a plan review that does not meet the requirements of the state building code.
 - "[(10)] (11) The department or a municipality that accepts an inspection or plan review as required by this section by a person licensed under ORS 455.457 has no responsibility or liability for the activities of the licensee.
 - "[(11)] (12) In addition to the requirements of ORS 455.100 and 455.110, the director shall regulate building inspection programs of municipalities assumed prior to January 1, 2002. Regulation under this subsection shall include but not be limited to:
- 28 "(a) Creating building inspection program application and amendment 29 requirements and procedures;
 - "(b) Granting or denying applications for building inspection program

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- 2 "(c) Reviewing procedures and program operations of municipalities;
- 3 "(d) Creating standards for efficient, effective, timely and acceptable 4 building inspection programs;
- 5 "(e) Creating standards for justifying increases in building inspection 6 program fees adopted by a municipality;
- "(f) Creating standards for determining whether a county or department building inspection program is economically impaired in its ability to reasonably continue providing the program or part of the program throughout a county, if another municipality is allowed to provide a building inspection program or part of a program within the same county; and
 - "(g) Enforcing the requirements of this section.
- "[(12)] (13) The department may assume administration and enforcement of a building inspection program:
 - "(a) During the pendency of activities under ORS 455.770;
- 16 "(b) If a municipality abandons any part of the building inspection pro-17 gram or is no longer able to administer the building inspection program; and
- 18 "(c) If a municipality fails to substantially comply with any provision of 19 this section or of ORS 455.465, 455.467 and 455.469.
 - "[(13)] (14) If the department assumes the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program under this section, in addition to any other power granted to the director, the director may:
- "(a) Enter into agreements with local governments under ORS 455.185 regarding the administration and enforcement of the assumed building inspection program;
- "(b) Take action as described in ORS 455.192 to ensure that sufficient staff and other resources are available for the administration and enforcement of the assumed building inspection program; and
- "(c) Charge fees described in ORS 455.195 for department services provided in administering and enforcing the assumed building inspection pro-

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"[(14)] (15) If a municipality abandons or otherwise ceases to administer 2 all or part of a building inspection program described in this section, the 3 municipality may not resume the administration and enforcement of the 4 abandoned program or part of a program for at least two years. The 5 municipality may resume the administration and enforcement of the aban-6 doned program or part of a program only on July 1 of an odd-numbered year. 7 To resume the administration and enforcement of the abandoned program or 8 part of a program, the municipality must comply with ORS 455.148, including 9 the requirement that the municipality administer and enforce all aspects of 10 the building inspection program. Thereafter, the municipality is subject to 11 ORS 455.148 and ceases to be subject to this section. 12

"[(15)] (16) A municipality that administers and enforces a building inspection program under this section shall include in the program the inspection of boilers and pressure vessels described in subsection (1)(a)(H) of this section.

"SECTION 14. ORS 455.475 is amended to read:

"455.475. (1) An applicant for a building permit may appeal a decision made by a building official under authority established pursuant to ORS 455.148, 455.150 or 455.467. The following apply to an appeal under this subsection:

"(a) An appeal regarding the interpretation or application of a particular specialty code provision shall be made first to the appropriate specialty code chief inspector of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The decision of the department chief inspector may be appealed to the appropriate advisory board. The decision of the advisory board may only be appealed to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services if codes in addition to the applicable specialty code are at issue.

"(b) If the appropriate advisory board determines that a decision by the department chief inspector is a major code interpretation, then the inspector

- shall distribute the decision in writing to all applicable specialty code public and private inspection authorities in the state. The decision shall be distributed within 60 days after the board's determination, and there shall be no charge for the distribution of the decision. As used in this paragraph, a 'major code interpretation' means a code interpretation decision that affects or may affect more than one job site or more than one inspection jurisdiction.
 - "(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section **or section 10 of this 2019 Act**, an applicant for a building permit may appeal the decision
 of a building official on any matter relating to the administration and
 enforcement of this chapter to the department. The appeal must be in writing. A decision by the department on an appeal filed under this subsection
 is subject to judicial review as provided in ORS 183.484.
 - "(3) If an appeal is made under this section, an inspection authority shall extend the plan review deadline by the number of days it takes for a final decision to be issued for the appeal.

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"SECTION 15. ORS 215.236 is amended to read:

- "215.236. (1) As used in this section, 'dwelling' means a single-family residential dwelling not provided in conjunction with farm use.
- "(2) The governing body or its designee may not grant final approval of an application made under ORS 215.213 (3) or 215.284 (1), (2), (3), (4) or (7) for the establishment of a dwelling on a lot or parcel in an exclusive farm use zone that is, or has been, receiving special assessment without evidence that the lot or parcel upon which the dwelling is proposed has been disqualified for special assessment at value for farm use under ORS 308A.050 to 308A.128 or other special assessment under ORS 308A.315, 321.257 to 321.390, 321.700 to 321.754 or 321.805 to 321.855 and any additional tax im-

- 1 posed as the result of disqualification has been paid.
- "(3) The governing body or its designee may grant tentative approval of an application made under ORS 215.213 (3) or 215.284 (1), (2), (3), (4) or (7)
- 4 for the establishment of a dwelling on a lot or parcel in an exclusive farm
- 5 use zone that is specially assessed at value for farm use under ORS 308A.050
- 6 to 308A.128 upon making the findings required by ORS 215.213 (3) or 215.284
- 7 (1), (2), (3), (4) or (7). An application for the establishment of a dwelling that
- 8 has been tentatively approved shall be given final approval by the governing
- 9 body or its designee upon receipt of evidence that the lot or parcel upon
- which establishment of the dwelling is proposed has been disqualified for
- special assessment at value for farm use under ORS 308A.050 to 308A.128 or
- other special assessment under ORS 308A.315, 321.257 to 321.390, 321.700 to
- 321.754 or 321.805 to 321.855 and any additional tax imposed as the result of
- 14 disqualification has been paid.
- 15 "(4) The owner of a lot or parcel upon which the establishment of a 16 dwelling has been tentatively approved as provided by subsection (3) of this
- 17 section shall, before final approval, simultaneously:
- 18 "(a) Notify the county assessor that the lot or parcel is no longer being
- 19 used as farmland or for other specially assessed uses described in subsection
- 20 (2) or (3) of this section;
- 21 "(b) Request that the county assessor disqualify the lot or parcel from
- 22 special assessment under ORS 308A.050 to 308A.128, 308A.315, 321.257 to
- 23 321.390, 321.700 to 321.754 or 321.805 to 321.855; and
- 24 "(c) Pay any additional tax imposed upon disqualification from special
- 25 assessment.
- 26 "(5) Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a lot or parcel
- 27 that has been disqualified pursuant to subsection (4) of this section may not
- 28 requalify for special assessment unless, when combined with another contig-
- 29 uous lot or parcel, it constitutes a qualifying parcel.
- 30 "(6)(a) A lot or parcel that has been disqualified pursuant to subsection

- 1 (4) of this section may requalify for wildlife habitat special assessment under
- 2 ORS 308A.403 to 308A.430 or conservation easement special assessment under
- 3 ORS 308A.450 to 308A.465 without satisfying the requirements of subsection
- 4 (5) of this section.
- 5 "(b) Upon disqualification from wildlife habitat special assessment under
- 6 ORS 308A.430 or disqualification from conservation easement special assess-
- 7 ment under ORS 308A.465, the lot or parcel shall be subject to the require-
- 8 ments of subsection (5) of this section.
- 9 "(7) When the owner of a lot or parcel upon which the establishment of
- 10 a dwelling has been tentatively approved notifies the county assessor that
- the lot or parcel is no longer being used as farmland and requests disquali-
- 12 fication of the lot or parcel for special assessment at value for farm use, the
- 13 county assessor shall:
- "(a) Disqualify the lot or parcel for special assessment at value for farm
- use under ORS 308A.050 to 308A.128 or other special assessment by removing
- the special assessment;
- "(b) Provide the owner of the lot or parcel with written notice of the
- 18 disqualification; and
- "(c) Impose the additional tax, if any, provided by statute upon disquali-
- 20 fication.
- 21 "(8) The Department of Consumer and Business Services, a municipal
- building official, as defined in ORS [455.715 (1)] 455.010, or any other agency
- or official responsible for the administration and enforcement of the state
- building code, as defined in ORS 455.010, may not issue a building permit for
- 25 the construction of a dwelling on a lot or parcel in an exclusive farm use
- 26 zone without evidence that the owner of the lot or parcel upon which the
- 27 dwelling is proposed to be constructed has paid the additional tax, if any,
- 28 imposed by the county assessor under subsection (7)(c) of this section.
- 29 **"SECTION 16.** ORS 446.250 is amended to read:
- 30 "446.250. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-

vices shall cause inspections to be made, approve plans and specifications, 1 provide technical services and issue permits for alteration of manufactured 2 dwellings and installation of manufactured dwellings and manufactured 3 structure accessory buildings and structures on a lot. The director shall ap-4 point or contract with municipalities that request such appointment or con-5 tract for inspection and issuance of permits for alteration of manufactured 6 dwellings and installation of manufactured dwellings and manufactured 7 structure accessory buildings and structures and alterations of installations 8 of plumbing, heating, illuminating, cooking or electrical equipment, provided 9 the [municipality employs as local] municipal inspectors are qualified per-10 sons who have been certified by the director for inspection and issuance of 11 permits for alteration of manufactured dwellings and installation of manu-12 factured dwellings and manufactured structure accessory buildings and 13 structures, pursuant to ORS 446.003, 446.111, 446.155, 446.160, 446.176, 446.225 14 to 446.285 and 446.990. However, the certification standards under this sec-15 tion shall relate to the inspections to be performed and shall not be more 16 stringent for municipal inspectors than those applying to state inspectors. 17

"SECTION 17. ORS 446.255 is amended to read:

"446.255. (1) After written notice and hearing as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may revoke the certification of a [local] municipal inspector certified under ORS 446.250, or the authority of a [local government] municipality to enforce provisions of ORS 446.003, 446.111, 446.160, 446.176, 446.225 to 446.285 and 446.990, [when] if it appears by competent evidence that the inspector or [local government] municipality has consistently failed to act in the public interest in the enforcement of the provisions of ORS 446.003, 446.111, 446.160, 446.176, 446.225 to 446.285 and 446.990.

"(2) Any proceedings under subsection (1) of this section shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.415 to 183.430, 183.440 to 183.460, 183.470 to 183.485 and 183.490 to 183.540, dealing with contested

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- **"SECTION 18.** ORS 447.091 is amended to read:
- 3 "447.091. The Department of Consumer and Business Services or local
- 4 government administering the plumbing specialty code adopted under ORS
- 5 447.020 (2) may, upon request of any sanitary district formed pursuant to
- 6 ORS 450.005 to 450.245, sanitary authority established under ORS 450.600 to
- 7 450.989, or county service district established under ORS 451.410 to 451.610,
- 8 contract for [the] district inspection of building sewers constructed to con-
- 9 nect a district sewage system if inspectors [employed by such] for the district
- are certified for sewer inspections under ORS 455.715 to 455.740.
 - **"SECTION 19.** ORS 450.837 is amended to read:
- "450.837. (1) Water authorities and sanitary authorities are municipalities
- 13 for the purposes of administering and enforcing the plumbing code as pro-
- vided under ORS 455.150.
- "(2) However, notwithstanding ORS 455.150 (3), a municipal building of-
- 16 ficial [appointed by] providing services to a water authority or sanitary
- authority, or [an] a municipal inspector acting under the authority and di-
- 18 rection of such a building official shall [administer and enforce only that
- 19 portion] carry out administration and enforcement activities only for
- 20 that part of the plumbing code governing the installation and maintenance
- of connections between structures and the mains and sewers of the authority.
- 22 "(3) Nothing in this section authorizes a building official or inspector
- [of] for a water authority or sanitary authority to administer or enforce all
- or part of any specialty code except the plumbing code.
- 25 "(4) A water authority or sanitary authority shall notify the Director of
- 26 the Department of Consumer and Business Services not later than May 1 of
- 27 each year as to whether the authority will or will not exercise the code
- 28 enforcement power granted by this section.
- 29 "SECTION 20. ORS 455.042 is amended to read:
- 30 "455.042. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-

- vices shall establish regions for all areas of the state to carry out the uni-
- 2 form administration of the state building code. The director shall assign
- 3 Department of Consumer and Business Services employees for the regions
- 4 as necessary to:

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- 5 "(1) Promote consistent interpretation of the state building code;
- 6 "(2) Resolve disputes between [local] **municipal** building officials and 7 contractors or developers regarding the application of one or more provisions 8 of the state building code; and
- "(3) Provide oversight and enforcement of ORS 446.003 to 446.200, 446.225 to 446.285, 446.395 to 446.420, 479.510 to 479.945, 479.950, 479.995 and 480.510 to 480.670 and ORS chapters 447, 455, 460 and 693 and the rules adopted under those statutes.

"SECTION 21. ORS 455.046 is amended to read:

- "455.046. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall:
- "(a) Develop and administer an installation label program for minor installations under the state building code, including but not limited to electrical installations under ORS 455.627, 479.540 and 479.570 and plumbing installations under ORS 447.076;
- "(b) Develop standard application forms and procedures for use by municipalities in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties when issuing structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and other permits when those permits do not require a review of building plans;
- "(c) Develop standard application forms and procedures for issuing building permits and recording inspections;
 - "(d) Develop standard forms and procedures for reviewing building plans;
- "(e) Establish standardized criteria and methodology for determining fee amounts for permits that are required under the state building code established under ORS 455.030;
- "(f) Maintain and make available to the public the names of persons certified to review building plans;

- "(g) Maintain and make available to the public the names of persons certified to perform technical inspections; and
- 3 "(h) Administer prepaid building permit cost accounts.
- "(2) The department may use the resources of the Tri-County Building
 Industry Service Center to:
- 6 "(a) Assist [local] **municipal** building officials in the administration and 7 enforcement of the state building code; and
- 8 "(b) Establish a process to facilitate the consistent application of the 9 state building code throughout the state.

"SECTION 22. ORS 455.062 is amended to read:

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- "455.062. (1) A Department of Consumer and Business Services employee acting within the scope of that employment may provide typical plans and specifications:
- "(a) For structures of a type for which the provision of plans or specifications is exempted under ORS 671.030 from the application of ORS 671.010 to 671.220 and exempted under ORS 672.060 from the application of ORS 672.002 to 672.325; and
- "(b) Notwithstanding ORS 671.010 to 671.220 and 672.002 to 672.325, for structures that are metal or wood frame Use and Occupancy Classification Group U structures under the structural specialty code.
- "(2) A **municipal** building official [or inspector, as those terms are defined in ORS 455.715, when], **if** acting within the scope of direct employment by a municipality, may provide typical plans and specifications for structures of a type for which the provision of plans or specifications is exempted under ORS 671.030 from the application of ORS 671.010 to 671.220 and exempted under ORS 672.060 from the application of ORS 672.002 to 672.325.
- "(3) This section does not alter any applicable requirement under ORS 671.010 to 671.220 or 672.002 to 672.325 regarding stamps and seals for a set of plans for a structure.
 - **"SECTION 23.** ORS 455.070 is amended to read:

- "455.070. (1) Any person may report a suspected violation of the state building code that poses an imminent threat to public health or safety to the local **municipal** building official or, where the code is state-administered, to the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The complaint shall be in writing and submitted under rules adopted by the department. The rules of the department shall provide for the disposition of frivolous or har-assing complaints by requiring detailed descriptions of the alleged violation and reference to the code sections allegedly violated.
 - "(2) The municipality or the department shall give notice of the complaint to the contractor, building owner and subcontractor, if any, involved in the project alleged to be in violation. The municipality or the department may charge the complainant for the necessary costs of supplying, copying and distributing the complaint form.
 - "(3) If, after five working days, no remedial action has taken place, the complainant has standing to appeal the matter to the appeals board of the municipality, where one is established, or directly to the appropriate advisory board where there is no local appeals board. The municipal appeals board or state advisory board shall reach a final decision within 14 days of the complainant's appeal. A municipal appeals board decision shall then be subject to appeal to a state advisory board under ORS 455.690, provided that the state advisory board shall reach a final determination within 14 days of notice of an appeal. A record of the written complaint and the findings of the appeals and advisory boards may be introduced into evidence in any judicial proceeding for damages brought against the complainant by any person suffering damages as a result of the complaint.

"SECTION 24. ORS 455.080 is amended to read:

"455.080. Notwithstanding ORS 455.630 (2), any inspector, including a specialty code inspector licensed under ORS 455.457, authorized by ORS **455.148,** 455.150 or 455.153 to determine compliance with the requirements of the state building code or any specialty code under this chapter may, in

- accordance with a compliance program as described in ORS 455.153 (2), re-
- 2 quire any person who is engaged in any activity regulated by the state
- 3 building code to demonstrate proof of compliance with the applicable li-
- 4 censing, registration or certification requirements of ORS chapters 446, 447,
- 5 455, 460, 479, 480, 693 and 701.

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- **"SECTION 25.** ORS 455.200 is amended to read:
- 7 "455.200. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-8 vices:
- "(1) May adopt rules, establish policies and procedures and take other actions the director considers reasonable or expedient for carrying out agreements under ORS 455.148 [(13)] (14), 455.150 [(13)] (14) or 455.185 and any duties, functions and powers of the director or the Department of Consumer and Business Services under ORS 455.148 [(13)] (14), 455.150 [(13)] (14) or 455.185 to 455.198;
 - "(2) Shall consult at least annually with appropriate advisory boards regarding any agreements under ORS 455.185 or actions taken by the director under ORS 455.148 [(13)] (14), 455.150 [(13)] (14) or 455.185 to 455.198; and
 - "(3) Shall report annually to the Legislative Assembly as provided under ORS 192.230 to 192.250 regarding any department activities under ORS 455.148 [(13)] (14), 455.150 [(13)] (14) or 455.185 to 455.198. The report shall include, but not be limited to, information regarding any projected need for an increase in department resources required for carrying out the administration and enforcement of building inspection programs under ORS 455.148 [(13)] (14), 455.150 [(13)] (14) or 455.185 to 455.198.
 - **"SECTION 26.** ORS 455.210 is amended to read:
- "455.210. (1) Fees shall be prescribed as required by ORS 455.020 for plan review and permits issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of prefabricated structures and of buildings and other structures and the installation of mechanical heating and ventilating devices and equipment. The fees

- 1 may not exceed 130 percent of the fee schedule printed in the 'Uniform
- 2 Building Code,' 1979 Edition, and in the 'Uniform Mechanical Code,' 1979
- 3 Edition, both published by the International Conference of Building Officials.
- 4 Fees are not effective until approved by the Oregon Department of Admin-
- 5 istrative Services.

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- 6 "(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, the maximum fee the
- 7 Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services may prescribe
- 8 for a limited plan review for fire and life safety as required under ORS
- 9 479.155 shall be 40 percent of the prescribed permit fee.
 - "(3)(a) A municipality may adopt by ordinance or regulation such fees as may be necessary and reasonable to provide for the administration and enforcement of any specialty code or codes for which the municipality has assumed responsibility under ORS 455.148 or 455.150. A municipality shall give the director notice of the proposed adoption of a new or increased fee under this subsection. The municipality shall give the notice to the director at the time the municipality provides the opportunity for public comment under ORS 294.160 regarding the fee or, if the proposed fee is contained in an estimate of municipal budget resources, at the time notice of the last budget meeting is published under ORS 294.426.
 - "(b) Ten or more persons or an association with 10 or more members may appeal the adoption of a fee described in this subsection to the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. The persons or association must file the appeal no later than 60 days after the director receives notice of the proposed adoption of the fee from the municipality under paragraph (a) of this subsection. However, if the municipality failed to give notice to the director, an appeal may be filed with the director within one year after adoption of the new or increased fee. Upon receiving a timely appeal, the director shall, after notice to affected parties and hearing, review the municipality's fee adoption process and the costs of administering and enforcing the specialty code or codes referred to in paragraph (a) of this

- subsection. The director shall approve the fee if the director feels the fee is
- 2 necessary and reasonable. If the director does not approve the fee upon ap-
- 3 peal, the fee is not effective. The appeal process provided in this paragraph
- 4 does not apply to fees that have been submitted for a vote and approved by
- 5 a majority of the electors voting on the question.
- 6 "(c) Fees collected by a municipality under this subsection shall be used
- 7 for the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program for
- 8 which the municipality has assumed responsibility under ORS 455.148 or
- 9 455.150.
- "(d) For purposes of paragraph (b) of this subsection, in determining
- whether a fee is reasonable the director shall consider whether:
- 12 "(A) The fee is the same amount as or closely approximates the amount
- of the fee charged by other municipalities of a similar size and geographic
- location for the same level of service;
- 15 "(B) The fee is calculated with the same or a similar calculation method
- as the fee charged by other municipalities for the same service;
- "(C) The fee is the same type as the fee charged by other municipalities
- 18 for the same level of service; and
- "(D) The municipality, in adopting the fee, complied with ORS 294.160,
- 20 294.361 and 294.426 and this section and standards adopted by the director
- 21 under ORS 455.148 [(11)] (12) or 455.150 [(11)] (12).
- 22 "(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter:
- 23 "(a) For the purpose of partially defraying state administrative costs,
- there is imposed a surcharge in the amount of four percent of the total per-
- 25 mit fees or, if the applicant chooses to pay an hourly rate instead of pur-
- 26 chasing a permit, four percent of the total hourly charges collected.
- 27 "(b) For the purpose of partially defraying state inspection costs, there
- 28 is imposed a surcharge in the amount of two percent of the total permit fees
- or, if the applicant chooses to pay an hourly rate instead of purchasing a
- 30 permit, two percent of the total hourly charges collected.

- "(c) For the purpose of defraying the cost of administering and enforcing the state building code, there is imposed a surcharge on permit fees and on hourly charges collected instead of permit fees. The surcharge may not exceed one percent of the total permit fees or, if the applicant chooses to pay an hourly rate instead of purchasing a permit, one percent of the total hourly charges collected.
 - "(d) For the purpose of defraying the cost of developing and administering the electronic building codes information system described in ORS 455.095 and 455.097, there is imposed a surcharge in the amount of four percent on permit fees, or if the applicant chooses to pay an hourly rate instead of purchasing a permit, four percent of the total hourly charges collected.
 - "(5) Municipalities shall collect and remit surcharges imposed under subsection (4) of this section to the director as provided in ORS 455.220.
 - "(6) The director shall adopt administrative rules to allow reduced fees for review of plans that have been previously reviewed.

"SECTION 27. ORS 455.450 is amended to read:

"455.450. A person may not:

- "(1) Violate, or procure or assist in the violation of, any final order of the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, an advisory board, a state administrative officer or any local appeals board, a building official or an inspector, concerning the application of the state building code in a particular case or concerning a license, certificate, registration or other authorization.
- "(2) Engage in, or procure or assist any other person to engage in, any conduct or activity for which a permit, label, license, certificate, registration or other formal authorization is required by any specialty code, any provision of ORS 446.003 to 446.200, 446.225 to 446.285, 446.395 to 446.420, 446.566 to 446.646, 446.666 to 446.746, 479.510 to 479.945, 479.950 and 480.510 to 480.670, this chapter or ORS chapter 447, 460 or 693, or any rule adopted or order issued for the administration and enforcement of those provisions, without

- first having obtained such permit, label, license, certificate, registration or other formal authorization.
- "(3) Violate, or procure or assist in the violation of, any standard, specification, requirement, prohibition or other technical provision set forth in the state building code or an applicable local building code or in any rule or order of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, an advisory
- 7 board, a [local] municipal governing body or [local] municipal building of-
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- **"SECTION 28.** ORS 455.485 is amended to read:
- "455.485. (1) When adopting the state building code, the Director of the
 Department of Consumer and Business Services shall give special consideration to the unique needs of construction in rural or remote parts of this
 state.
- "(2) Notwithstanding any description of State Fire Marshal duties in ORS 14 476.030, 476.033, 476.035, 476.150 or 476.155, the Director of the Department 15 of Consumer and Business Services or a [local] municipal building official 16 administering a building inspection program under ORS 455.148 or 455.150 17 may determine whether the structure as set forth in the plans and specifi-18 cations or as constructed meets the standards of the state building code, in-19 cluding but not limited to fire and life safety standards. The State Fire 20 Marshal, or a local fire official for a governmental subdivision exempted 21 from State Fire Marshal regulations as described under ORS 476.030, may 22 provide advice to building officials, inspectors or Department of Consumer 23 and Business Services employees concerning state building code standards. 24 A [local] municipal building official or department employee shall give 25 consideration to advice of the State Fire Marshal or local fire official that 26 does not conflict with the state building code, but shall retain the authority 27 to make final decisions regarding the code. 28
- 29 **"SECTION 29.** ORS 455.685 is amended to read:
- 30 "455.685. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-

vices may, upon an application setting forth a set of plans and specifications 1 that will be utilized in one or more municipalities to acquire building per-2 mits, review and approve the application for the construction or erection of 3 any building or structure if such set of plans meets the requirements of the 4 state building code. All costs incurred by the director by virtue of the ex-5 amination of such a set of plans and specifications shall be paid by the ap-6 plicant. The plans and specifications or any plans and specifications required 7 to be submitted to a state agency shall be submitted to the director who shall 8 examine the instruments and if necessary distribute them to the appropriate 9 state agencies for scrutiny regarding adequacy as to fire safety, life safety 10 and all other appropriate features. The state agencies shall examine and 11 promptly return the plans and specifications together with their certified 12 statement as to the adequacy of the instruments regarding that agency's area 13 of concern. The applicant shall submit the plans and specifications to a [local 14 building official] municipality prior to application for a building permit. 15 The [local] municipal building official shall [review] cause the plan to be 16 reviewed for those features required by local ordinance or by any site-17 specific, geographic, geologic or climatic code requirements. A [local building 18 official] municipality shall issue a building permit upon application and 19 presentation to the [local building official] municipality of such a set of 20 plans and specifications bearing the approval of the director if the require-21 ments of all other local ordinances are satisfied. The director or [local] 22 municipal building official may assess such fees as necessary to recover the 23 reasonable costs incurred to ensure the compliance of the plans and specifi-24 cations with the state building code. 25

"SECTION 30. ORS 455.800 is amended to read:

"455.800. As used in ORS 455.800 to 455.820:

"(1) 'Building official' means a person who is a **municipal** building official as defined in ORS [455.715] **455.010** or a Department of Consumer and Business Services employee charged with enforcement or administration of

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- 1 the state building code.
- 2 "(2) 'Building trade committee' means a group composed of experienced
- 3 and knowledgeable local general contractors or other persons having sub-
- 4 stantial expertise in various aspects of one and two family dwelling con-
- 5 struction under the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code.
- 6 "(3) 'General contractor' has the meaning given that term in ORS 701.005.
- 7 "(4) 'Master builder' means a person certified under ORS 455.810.
- 8 "(5) 'Qualified construction company' means a company that has been:
- 9 "(a) Continuously licensed by the Construction Contractors Board during 10 the preceding 60 months as a general contractor; or
- "(b) Continuously licensed by the Construction Contractors Board during at least the preceding 24 months as a general contractor and by one or more other states during the balance of the preceding 60 months in an occupation equivalent to that of a general contractor.
- "(6) 'Regular employee' means a person who:
- 16 "(a) Is continuously employed by, and on the regular payroll of, a quali-17 fied construction company;
- 18 "(b) Has filed a withholding exemption certificate pursuant to ORS 19 316.182 for work performed for the qualified construction company; and
- "(c) Is available during working hours to supervise on-site dwelling construction, including but not limited to supervising the installation of:
- 22 "(A) Drywall;
- 23 "(B) Electrical systems;
- 24 "(C) Footings;
- 25 "(D) Foundations;
- 26 "(E) Framing;
- 27 "(F) Insulation;
- 28 "(G) Mechanical systems;
- 29 "(H) Plumbing systems; and
- 30 "(I) Stairs.

- "(7) 'Whole dwelling remodel' means a project that includes the installa-
- 2 tion in an existing dwelling of all of the following:
- 3 "(a) Drywall;
- 4 "(b) Electrical systems;
- 5 "(c) Footings;
- 6 "(d) Foundations;
- 7 "(e) Framing;
- 8 "(f) Insulation;
- 9 "(g) Mechanical systems; and
- 10 "(h) Plumbing systems.
- "SECTION 31. ORS 455.820 is amended to read:
- "455.820. (1) A master builder must perform all plan review and required verifications for which government review or inspection has been waived by a building official. The master builder shall maintain copies of all documents and reports required by the government granting the waiver and provide those copies to the building official.
- "(2) When waiving government performance of plan review or required 17 inspections, a building official shall require the master builder to sign a form that specifically identifies each waiver and states that the master builder 19 accepts the duty of performing the review and verifications. A master builder 20 who accepts the duty of performing a review or verification remains respon-21 sible for that duty unless released by written and signed permission of the 22 building official. A building official may release a master builder from a re-23 view or verification duty by a written and signed assumption of the review 24 or inspection duty by the building official or written and signed assumption 25 of the review and verification duty by another master builder. 26
- 27 "(3) A building official for a government that has a master builder pro-28 gram:
- 29 "(a) Must conduct inspections of at least 10 percent of projects that are 30 built under a master builder program;

- "(b) May revoke a waiver for a plan review or required inspection if the 1 master builder fails to properly perform, or document performance of, review 2 or verification duties; and 3
- "(c) Must notify the Department of Consumer and Business Services when 4 the official revokes a waiver pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subsection. 5
- "(4) When revoking a waiver, a building official shall provide the master 6 builder with a release under subsection (2) of this section from future performance of review or verification duties. A release does not relieve a master builder from liability for the failure to perform, or document performance of, review or verification duties prior to the revocation of the waiver.
 - "(5) A government having a master builder program has no legal duty with regard to plan review or required inspections properly waived under ORS 455.815 and accepted by a master builder in a signed form described This subsection does not release a under subsection (2) of this section. government from a duty arising due to a waiver revocation under subsection (3) of this section or an assumption under subsection (2) of this section.
 - "(6) A [local government] municipality may refuse to grant recognition to a certified master builder if a waiver granted to the master builder under that government's master builder program has been revoked pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this section. If a waiver is revoked pursuant to subsection (3)(b) of this section, a [local government] municipality or municipal building official may send a recommendation to the department for action against the master builder who was granted the waiver. The [local government municipality or municipal building official may also send the department any information supporting the recommendation.
 - **"SECTION 32.** ORS 479.530 is amended to read:
- "479.530. As used in ORS 479.510 to 479.945 and 479.995, unless the context 27 requires otherwise: 28
- "(1) 'Approved testing laboratory' means a testing laboratory that meets 29 criteria for electrical product evaluation established by the Director of the 30

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- 1 Department of Consumer and Business Services with the approval of the
- 2 Electrical and Elevator Board under ORS 479.730.
- 3 "(2) 'Board' means the Electrical and Elevator Board established under 4 ORS 455.138.
- 5 "(3) 'Certified electrical product' means an electrical product that is cer-6 tified under ORS 479.760 and that is not decertified.
- "(4) 'Competent inspection service' means an electrical inspection service

 [of a city or county] administered by a municipality under ORS 455.148 or

 455.150 that [employs] provides services through electrical inspectors who

 are certified to meet standards under ORS 479.810.
- "(5) 'Commercial electrical air conditioning equipment' means heating, cooling, refrigeration, dehumidifying, humidifying and filtering equipment used for climatizing or moving of air if used in commerce, industry or government and if installed in a place not accessible to the general public other than the switches regulating the operation of the equipment.
 - "(6) 'Demarcation point' means the place of interconnection between the communications cabling, terminal equipment or protective apparatus of the telecommunications service provider and the customer's premises.
- 19 "(7) 'Department' means the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-20 vices.
- 21 "(8) 'Director' means the Director of the Department of Consumer and 22 Business Services.
- "(9) 'Dwelling unit' means one or more rooms for the use of one or more persons as a housekeeping unit with space for eating, living and sleeping and permanent provisions for cooking and sanitation.
- "(10) 'Electrical installations' means the construction or installation of electrical wiring and the permanent attachment or installation of electrical products in or on any structure that is not itself an electrical product. Electrical installation' also means the maintenance or repair of installed electrical wiring and permanently attached electrical products. 'Electrical

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- installation' does not include an oil module.
- "(11) 'Electrical product' means any electrical equipment, material, device or apparatus that, except as provided in ORS 479.540, requires a license or
- 4 permit to install and either conveys or is operated by electrical current.
- 5 "(12) 'Equipment' means any material, fittings, devices, appliances, fix-
- 6 tures, apparatus or the like that are used as part of or in connection with
- 7 an electrical installation.
- 8 "(13) 'Field evaluation firm' means an independent organization that pro-9 vides:
- "(a) Evaluations or testing, or both; and
- "(b) Documentation regarding compliance with electrical product safety standards and with the electrical installation safety code.
- "(14) 'Industrial electrical equipment' means electrical products used in industry or government that utilize electric energy for mechanical, chemical, heating, lighting or similar purposes, that are designed to service or produce a product and that are used directly in the production of the service or product.
- "(15) 'Installation label' means an adhesive tag issued by governmental agencies that administer the Electrical Safety Law to licensed electrical contractors for application to those minor electrical installations for which the board by rule determines to be appropriate for random inspections.
- "(16) 'License' means a permit issued by the department under ORS 479.630 authorizing the person whose name appears as licensee thereon to act as an electrical contractor, supervising electrician, journeyman electrician, electrical apprentice or limited elevator journeyman as indicated thereon.
- "(17) 'Minimum safety standards' means safety standards prescribed by concurrence of the board and the director under ORS 479.730.
- "(18) 'Multifamily dwelling' means a building containing more than one dwelling unit.

- "(19) 'Oil module' means a prefabricated structure manufactured to the specifications of the purchaser and used outside this state in the exploration for or processing or extraction of petroleum products.
- "(20) 'Permit' means an official document or card issued by the enforcing agency to authorize performance of a specified electrical installation.
- 6 "(21) 'Single family dwelling' means a building consisting solely of one 7 dwelling unit.
- "(22) 'Telecommunications service provider' means a telecommunications carrier as defined in ORS 133.721 or a telecommunications utility or competitive telecommunications provider, both as defined in ORS 759.005.
- "(23) 'Uncertified product' means any electrical product that is not an electrical product certified under ORS 479.760.

"SECTION 33. ORS 693.115 is amended to read:

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- "693.115. (1) The State Plumbing Board is established in the Department of Consumer and Business Services, consisting of seven members appointed by the Governor. The appointment of a member of the board is subject to confirmation by the Senate pursuant to section 4, Article III of the Oregon Constitution.
- "(2) The members of the board shall be as follows:
- "(a) One journeyman plumber with 10 or more years' experience in the trade or calling of journeyman plumber;
- 22 "(b) One licensed plumbing contractor;
- 23 "(c) One [local] **municipal** plumbing inspector who is a journeyman 24 plumber;
 - "(d) One registered professional mechanical engineer;
- "(e) One officer or employee of the Oregon Health Authority;
- 27 "(f) One plumbing equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experi-28 ence in the industry or one building official; and
- 29 "(g) One member of the general public.
- "(3) The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves

at the pleasure of the Governor. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor. A member is not eligible for appointment to more than two full terms of office. If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

"(4) A member of the board shall receive compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

"SECTION 34. Sections 2, 10 and 11 of this 2019 Act and ORS 455.148 are added to and made a part of ORS chapter 455.

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"SECTION 35. No later than 90 days after the effective date of this 2019 Act, a city that uses a building inspector not meeting the definition of 'municipal inspector' in ORS 455.010, or a building official not meeting the definition of 'municipal building official' in ORS 455.010, shall inform the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services whether the city chooses to continue to administer and enforce a building inspection program. If the city chooses to not continue the administration and enforcement of the building inspection program, the director shall treat the choice as an abandonment of the program for purposes of ORS chapter 455 and shall transfer administration and enforcement of the building inspection program to the county or counties where the city is located. If the city chooses to continue the administration and enforcement of the building inspection program, no later than July 1, 2020, all building inspectors and building officials that the city is using must meet the applicable definitions in ORS 455.010. If the city uses building inspectors or building officials after July 1, 2020, who do not meet the applicable definitions under ORS 455.010, the director shall treat the action as an abandonment of the program for purposes of ORS chapter 455 and shall transfer administration and enforcement of the building inspection program to the county or counties where the city is located.

"VALIDATION OF PAST ACTIONS

"SECTION 36. The Legislative Assembly hereby ratifies and declares valid any action taken by a building inspector or building official as part of the administration and enforcement of a building inspection program on behalf of a municipality that would have been a lawful action if performed by the Department of Consumer and Business Services as part of administering and enforcing a building inspection program.

"UNIT CAPTIONS

"SECTION 37. The unit captions used in this 2019 Act are provided only for the convenience of the reader and do not become part of the statutory law of this state or express any legislative intent in the enactment of this 2019 Act.

"OPERATIVE DATE

"SECTION 38. The amendments to ORS 215.236, 446.250, 446.255, 447.091, 450.837, 455.042, 455.046, 455.062, 455.070, 455.080, 455.148, 455.150, 455.200, 455.210, 455.450, 455.485, 455.685, 455.800, 455.820, 479.530 and 693.115 by sections 12, 13 and 15 to 33 of this 2019 Act become operative on July 1, 2021.

"EMERGENCY CLAUSE

"SECTION 39. This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect on its passage."