SB 805 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes when person or public body may bring action due to construction issues. Defines vertical homeownership structure. Transfers statewide master builder certification program from Department of Consumer and Business Services to Construction Contractors Board. Allows State Board of Architect Examiners to create voluntary certification program. Allows State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying to create voluntary certification program.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

• Provisions of measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 Replaces measure. Allows Construction Contractors Board to establish voluntary certification program for residential general master builder of vertical homeownership structures. Allows Construction Contractors Board to define vertical homeownership structure by rule and determine certification standards by structure type.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) licenses construction professionals, investigates reports of unlicensed activity on construction sites, educates contractors and consumers, and engages in construction dispute resolution. CCB is a nine-member board of residential contractors appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services maintains a statewide master builder program that certifies applicants who own or work for qualified construction companies, have specific construction or remodeling experience, and complete an approved training program.

Senate Bill 805 with the -2 amendment allows CCB to establish voluntary certification programs for residential general master builders of vertical homeownership structures, in addition to allowing the board to define vertical homeownership structure by rule. CCB may determine certification standards by structure type or charge certification application fees. Certification standards must at minimum include aptitude in foundations, roofing, wall construction, siding installation, and energy systems.