

SB 742 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

Carrier: Rep. Valderrama

Action Date: 05/11/21
Action: Do Pass the A-Eng bill.
Vote: 4-0-1-0
Yeas: 4 - Leif, Valderrama, Wilde, Zika
Exc: 1 - Lively
Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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Meeting Dates: 5/6, 5/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Restricts local governments from prohibiting certain alarm systems or battery-charged fences on property not zoned or used for residential use. Requires warning signs for battery-charged fences.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of measure
- Warning signs and safety precautions
- Commercial businesses storing equipment outdoors

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a global membership organization of electrotechnology companies that develops uniform technical standards for industry products, such as alarm systems and battery-charged fences. Governments and firms may choose to adopt IEC standards. In Oregon, local governments are authorized to regulate alarm systems and battery-charged fences. Battery-charged fences connect with alarm systems to contact law enforcement and generate no more than 12 volts of direct current. Battery-charged fences are height-limited and must be surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.

Senate Bill 742 A restricts local governments from prohibiting the installation or use of battery-charged fences, imposing requirements that conflict with IEC standards, or requiring a separate permit for installation of a battery-charged fence that is in addition to an alarm system permit. The measure also requires that conspicuous warning signs are posted at regular intervals for all battery-charged fences.