House Bill 2195

Sponsored by Representatives SMITH DB, OWENS (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Prohibits municipality that administers and enforces building inspection program from adopting construction standards or methods from Reach Code, or similar or related code of standards and methods, that exceed or are more stringent than statewide standards and methods Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services adopts and administers.

Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to construction standards for energy efficiency; amending ORS 455.500; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 455.500 is amended to read:

455.500. (1) The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, in consultation with the appropriate advisory boards, shall adopt, amend and administer a code separate from the state building code, to be known as the Reach Code. The director shall design the code to increase energy efficiency in buildings that are newly constructed, reconstructed, altered or repaired.

(2) The Reach Code shall be a set of statewide optional construction standards and methods that are economically and technically feasible, including any published generally accepted codes and standards newly developed for construction or for the installation of products, equipment and devices. When adopting or amending the code, the director, in consultation with the appropriate advisory boards, shall:

(a) Review generally accepted codes and standards that achieve greater energy efficiency than the energy efficiency required by the state building code; and

(b) Review technical components of generally accepted construction documents as the director considers necessary to address federal, state and local financial incentives and advances in construction methods, standards and technologies.

(3) When amending the state building code under ORS 455.030, the director shall consider whether any of the standards and methods contained in the Reach Code should be removed from the Reach Code and adopted in the state building code.

(4) The inclusion of a standard or method for construction or for the installation of products, equipment or devices in the Reach Code:

(a) Does not alter any licensing or certification requirements under ORS 446.003 to 446.200, 446.225 to 446.285, 447.010 to 447.156, 460.005 to 460.175, 479.510 to 479.945 or 480.510 to 480.670 or this chapter or ORS chapter 693 or Department of Consumer and Business Services rules;

(b) Exempts products, equipment and devices from product certification requirements under ORS 447.010 to 447.156 and 479.510 to 479.945 and the state building code; and

(c) Requires that a municipality administering and enforcing a building inspection program un-
der ORS 455.148 or 455.150 must recognize and accept the standard, method, installation, product,
equipment or device if a person applies to construct, reconstruct, alter or repair a building in con-
formance with the Reach Code.

(5) A municipality that administers and enforces a building inspection program under
ORS 455.148 or 455.150 may not adopt construction standards or methods from the Reach
Code, or a similar or related code of standards and methods, that exceed or are more strin-
gent than the standards and methods the director adopts and administers under this section.

SECTION 2. This 2023 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2023
regular session of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.