

SB 1061 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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Meeting Dates: 3/13, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service (OSU), in consultation with the Forestry Education Council (council) and the State Board of Forestry (board), to establish a basic lumber grading training program (program). The program is to be offered annually through an extension service. The measure specifies what the program must include. The measure directs the board, in consultation with OSU and the council, to establish a procedure for determining successful completion of the program, issuing certifications to instructors teaching the program, and issuing certifications and recertifications to those who complete the program. Specifies who the board may exempt from the program. Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to establish by rule a process by which a builder, designer, or owner may use lumber that is tested and approved by a person who is certified through this program. Specifies what DCBS must include in this process.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Relationship of Oregon's Building Code to the measure
- Use of lumber that would be graded by persons certified through this program
- Current process for grading lumber
- Other states with a lumber grading program
- Role of the American Lumber Standard Committee

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) developed the American Softwood Lumber Standard (Standard) in accordance with the U.S. Department of Commerce's *Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards*. Voluntary Product Standards are developed under procedures published by the U.S. Department of Commerce in Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations Part 10. The intent of these standards is to have nationally recognized requirements for products and the use of Voluntary Product Standards is voluntary. The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) administers the Voluntary Product Standards Program.

The Secretary of Commerce appoints membership on the ALSC with a mix of producers, distributors, and consumers of softwood lumber. The ALSC maintains the Standard, and establishes other related policies and standards. The Standard allows for the grading of structural lumber by visual and mechanical means. The Standard applies to domestic production of lumber and to lumber imported into the United States.

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