

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 1061

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Including Senate Amendments dated April 18

Sponsored by Senator NASH; Senator SMITH DB

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. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act requires the creation of a lumber grading training program. The Act requires DCBS to create a process for certain people to obtain lumber from those who have gone through the program. (Flesch Readability Score: 69.5).

Requires the Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service to establish a lumber grading training **pilot** program. Establishes the requirements of the **pilot** program. [*Requires the State Board of Forestry to establish a certification process for those individuals who have successfully completed the lumber grading training program.*]

Requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish a process by which specified individuals may obtain lumber from an individual who is certified as having completed the lumber grading training **pilot** program.

Sunsetts the pilot program on January 2, 2033.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to a lumber grading training program.

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

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State University Extension Service shall, in consultation with**
5 **the Department of Consumer and Business Services, establish a basic lumber grading train-**
6 **ing pilot program to be offered annually through the extension service. Establishment of the**
7 **pilot program under this subsection must include a determination of the:**

8 (a) **General requirements for successfully completing the pilot program.**

9 (b) **Requirements for initial certification and recertification.**

10 (c) **Content of the pilot program. At minimum, the content of the pilot program must**
11 **include:**

12 (A) **A minimum of eight instructional hours, including hands-on practice with physical**
13 **lumber samples; and**

14 (B) **Instruction in regionally relevant species identification, moisture content consider-**
15 **ations and visual grading criteria for structural dimension lumber.**

16 (d) **Certification requirements for instructors teaching the pilot program. At minimum,**
17 **to be certified instructors must:**

18 (A) **Demonstrate substantial expertise in visual lumber grading through:**

19 (i) **A valid grader certification from an organization that administers an accreditation**
20 **program for the grademarking of lumber produced under a system that is the basis for the**
21 **sale and purchase of softwood lumber;**

22 (ii) **Seven years of professional experience in lumber grading, quality control or wood**
23 **products education, with demonstrated knowledge of visual grading rules applicable to re-**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **gionally relevant species; or**

2 **(iii) Equivalent qualifications approved by the extension service based on professional**
3 **history, training and relevant industry involvement; and**

4 **(B) Maintain continued competency through industry involvement, refresher coursework**
5 **or other methods approved by the extension service.**

6 **(2) The extension service shall issue certifications and recertifications to those individ-**
7 **uals who have successfully completed the pilot program.**

8 **(3) An individual who holds an initial certification as having successfully completed the**
9 **pilot program must be recertified every five years.**

10 **SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:**

11 **(a) “Self-graded lumber” means lumber graded by an individual who is certified to grade**
12 **lumber through the pilot program established under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

13 **(b) “Third-party graded lumber” means lumber bearing a valid grade stamp from a**
14 **grading agency accredited by an organization that administers an accreditation program for**
15 **the grademarking of lumber produced under a system that is the basis for the sale and**
16 **purchase of softwood lumber.**

17 **(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall establish by rule a process**
18 **by which a builder, designer or owner may use lumber that is tested and approved by an in-**
19 **dividual who is certified under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

20 **(3) The process established under subsection (2) of this section:**

21 **(a) May not establish, create or accept any new grade or design value as part of the**
22 **state’s building code.**

23 **(b) Shall permit the use of self-graded lumber only for structures that are subject to the**
24 **Oregon Residential Specialty Code.**

25 **(c) Shall require that the intent of a builder, design professional, contractor and home-**
26 **owner to use self-graded lumber must be disclosed in writing at the time of the building**
27 **permit application. Disclosure under this paragraph must be made to an inspector who is li-**
28 **icensed by the department or a municipality administering and enforcing a building inspection**
29 **program. The writing required under this paragraph must be filed with the county clerk, who**
30 **shall make the writing a part of the permanent deed record of the property.**

31 **(d) The lumber used for self-graded lumber must originate from a known source, re-**
32 **quiring a documented relationship or permit between the lumber owner and the purchaser**
33 **of the milled lumber.**

34 **(4)(a) No manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer or grader of third-party graded**
35 **lumber may be held liable in whole or in part for a failure of or defect in self-graded lumber**
36 **incorporated in the same structure.**

37 **(b) This subsection applies only to structures permitted under subsection (3)(b) of this**
38 **section in which self-graded lumber is incorporated.**

39 **SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2033.**

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