

Senate Bill 1061

Sponsored by Senator NASH

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**. 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 program. Establishes the requirements of the 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 program.

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 Director of the Oregon State University Extension Service, in con-**
5 **sultation with the Forestry Education Council and the State Board of Forestry, shall estab-**
6 **lish a basic lumber grading training program to be offered annually through the extension**
7 **service. Establishment of the program under this subsection must include a determination**
8 **of the:**

9 (a) **General requirements for successfully completing the program;**

10 (b) **Requirements for initial certification and recertification;**

11 (c) **Content of the program; and**

12 (d) **Certification requirements for instructors teaching the program.**

13 (2) **The State Board of Forestry, in consultation with the Oregon State University Ex-**
14 **tension Service and the Forestry Education Council, shall establish a procedure under which**
15 **the board shall:**

16 (a) **Determine successful completion of the program established under subsection (1) of**
17 **this section;**

18 (b) **Issue certifications to instructors teaching the program; and**

19 (c) **Issue certifications and recertifications to those individuals who have successfully**
20 **completed the program.**

21 (3) **The board may exempt from the program established under subsection (1) of this**
22 **section an individual who:**

23 (a) **Obtains a degree related to forest and wood products.**

24 (b) **Has the experience or background in understanding wood properties, construction and**
25 **design that the board determines to be equivalent to the understanding held by an individual**
26 **who successfully completes the program.**

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 **(4) An individual who holds an initial certification as having successfully completed the**
2 **program established under subsection (1) of this section and an individual who is exempt**
3 **from the program under subsection (3) of this section must be recertified every five years.**

4 **SECTION 2. (1) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall establish by**
5 **rule a process by which a builder, designer or owner may use lumber that is tested and ap-**
6 **proved by an individual who is certified under section 1 of this 2025 Act.**

7 **(2) The process established under subsection (1) of this section must require:**

8 **(a) For one-family and two-family dwellings, that a person may use load-bearing dimen-**
9 **sion lumber that has been approved for use only in accordance with the following:**

10 **(A) The lumber is milled at the request of the person who owns the lumber for use in the**
11 **construction of the dwelling, and the dwelling will be inhabited by the person owning the**
12 **lumber.**

13 **(B) The person milling the lumber sells the lumber directly to a person who will inhabit**
14 **the dwelling, or to a person acting on the inhabitant's behalf and for whom a building permit**
15 **has been issued for the dwelling.**

16 **(b) For multifamily dwellings, that a person may use load-bearing dimension lumber that**
17 **has been approved for use only in accordance with the following:**

18 **(A) The lumber has been milled at the request of the person owning the lumber for use**
19 **in the construction of the multifamily dwelling, a dwelling unit of which will be inhabited by**
20 **the person owning the lumber.**

21 **(B) The person milling the lumber sells the lumber directly to the person who will inhabit**
22 **the dwelling unit in the multifamily dwelling, or to a person acting on the inhabitant's behalf**
23 **and for whom a building permit has been issued for the multifamily dwelling.**

24 **(c) The lumber that is milled for purposes of paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection be**
25 **milled so that it meets or exceeds the requirements established by the department. The de-**
26 **partment shall design and provide forms that must be used to certify that the lumber meets**
27 **or exceeds the requirements.**

28 **(d) That a person may not provide a certification under paragraph (c) of this subsection**
29 **unless that person has been issued a certificate under section 1 of this 2025 Act within the**
30 **preceding five years of providing the certification.**

31 **(e) That upon receipt of a copy of the certification issued under paragraph (c) of this**
32 **subsection, an inspector who is licensed by the department may authorize the use of the**
33 **lumber, reject the use of the lumber or authorize use of the lumber subject to more re-**
34 **strictive construction requirements.**