

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1061

By COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND BUSINESS

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and delete page 2 and insert:

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

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

7 **“(b) Requirements for initial certification and recertification.**

8 **“(c) Content of the pilot program. At minimum, the content of the pilot program must**
9 **include:**

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

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

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

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

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

20 **“(ii) Seven years of professional experience in lumber grading, quality control or wood**
21 **products education, with demonstrated knowledge of visual grading rules applicable to re-**
22 **gionally relevant species; or**

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

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

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

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

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

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

34 **“(b) ‘Third-party graded lumber’ means lumber bearing a valid grade stamp from a**
35 **grading agency accredited by an organization that administers an accreditation program for**

1 the grademarking of lumber produced under a system that is the basis for the sale and
2 purchase of softwood lumber.

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

6 “(3) The process established under subsection (2) of this section:

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

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

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

17 “(d) The lumber used for self-graded lumber must originate from a known source, re-
18 quiring a documented relationship or permit between the lumber owner and the purchaser
19 of the milled lumber.

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

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

25 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on January 2, 2033.”.