

Senate Bill 1086

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SUMMARY

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Digest: Tells the director of DCBS to set up an apprentice program to train people to inspect buildings. (Flesch Readability Score: 60.1).

Requires the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish an apprenticeship program for building inspectors.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to an apprenticeship program for building inspectors; amending ORS 455.720; and pre-
3 scribing an effective date.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 455.720 is amended to read:

6 455.720. (1) In accordance with applicable provisions of ORS chapter 183, to promote effective
7 and uniform enforcement of the state building code by improving the competence of building officials
8 and inspectors, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services, with the advice
9 of the advisory boards, shall:

10 (a) Establish for building officials and inspectors reasonable minimum training and experience
11 standards, including but not limited to courses or subjects for instruction, facilities for instruction,
12 qualification of instructors and methods of instruction. The standards [*shall*] **must** include pro-
13 visions for determining a practical experience equivalent **that may consist of completion of the**
14 **apprenticeship program described in paragraph (e) of this subsection.**

15 (b) Establish a procedure to be used by municipalities to determine whether a person meets
16 minimum standards or has minimum training to be appointed or employed as a building official or
17 inspector. The procedure [*shall*] **must** allow for a field examination of a person to determine if the
18 person meets the practical experience equivalent of a minimum standard.

19 (c) Subject to such terms, conditions and classifications as the director may impose, certify
20 building officials as being qualified, and revoke such certifications in the manner provided in ORS
21 455.740.

22 (d) Require an applicant for a certificate as a building official or inspector to demonstrate
23 knowledge of the laws governing accessibility to buildings by persons with disabilities by passing
24 an examination prescribed by the director.

25 **(e) Establish in cooperation and coordination with the State Apprenticeship and Training**
26 **Council an apprenticeship program for building inspectors that meets the requirements set**
27 **forth in ORS 660.002 to 660.210. In establishing the apprenticeship program, the director**
28 **shall:**

29 **(A) Adopt rules that at a minimum specify:**

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 (i) Training requirements and apprenticeship standards that comply with the require-
2 ments of ORS 660.126;

3 (ii) The contents of apprenticeship agreements in accordance with ORS 660.060;

4 (iii) Pay rates in accordance with ORS 660.142; and

5 (iv) Employment protections in accordance with ORS 660.143;

6 (B) Form a state joint committee for the purpose of promoting and coordinating the goals
7 of an apprenticeship program in building inspection;

8 (C) Become a training agent for the apprenticeship program, or approve training agents,
9 including municipalities that intend to establish local apprenticeship programs, to the extent
10 that the training agents comply with the rules adopted under subparagraph (A) of this par-
11 agraph; and

12 (D) Issue, or authorize a municipality to issue, appropriate certifications for completion
13 of an apprenticeship as a building inspector.

14 (2) The director shall maintain and, upon request of municipalities, furnish information on ap-
15 plicants for appointment or employment as building officials or inspectors.

16 (3) Pursuant to ORS chapter 183, the director shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the cer-
17 tification programs provided by subsection (1) of this section.

18 (4) The director, by rule, may require evidence of completion of continuing education covering
19 any certification created under this section as a condition of maintaining the certification. Nothing
20 in this subsection shall prohibit the director from delegating any of this power to a municipality.

21 (5) The director, with the advice of the appropriate advisory boards, may adopt rules for certi-
22 fying inspectors as being qualified to enforce one or more particular specialty codes, subject to any
23 terms, conditions and classifications the director may impose, and for revoking those certifications
24 in the manner provided in ORS 455.740.

25 **SECTION 2. This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025**
26 **regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.**

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