74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact Action: Do Pass Vote: 7 - 0 - 0 Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler Yeas: Navs: 0 Exc.: 0 **Prepared By:** Theresa Van Winkle, Administrator **Meeting Dates:** 4/16

MEASURE:

CARRIER:

HB 3360

Rep. Esquivel

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Exempts tankless water heaters from boiler and pressure vessel laws.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- How a tankless water heater works
- Support from the Department of Consumer and Business Services' Building Codes Division
- Level of water pressure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: A tankless water heater heats water "on demand" as it is needed, eliminating the need for a storage tank. They are not currently considered exempt vessels from current statute because they surpass the 200,000 BTU per hour heat input standard, although they do not store any water.

HB 3360 allows licensed plumbing contractors to install, alter and repair tankless water heaters by exempting the devices from current boiler and pressure vessel laws.