

**74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session**  
**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee on Business, Transportation, and Workforce Development**

**MEASURE: SB 95**  
**CARRIER: Sen. Metsger**

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Deckert, George L., Monnes Anderson, Starr, Metsger
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	1-22

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Establishes a maximum \$150 fee for issuance of a two-year home inspector certification. Changes the term for renewal of certification from one to two years.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- History of the home inspector program and the certification fee
- Costs of providing services
- Intent that home inspector regulation program be self-supporting

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Home inspectors in Oregon are required to be certified by the Construction Contractors Board and to meet qualifications and pass competency testing as determined by the board. The board until recently has been charging an initial certification and annual renewal fee of \$75, but determined that although the licensing statute authorized the renewal fee, it did not authorize the initial fee. The fees cover administrative costs of the licensing and regulation program, including enforcement investigations, dispute resolution, and consumer and inspector education. These fees are in addition to a one-time application and testing fee. According to the board, without the revenue from the initial fee, the home inspector program is being subsidized by construction contractor license fees.

SB 95 authorizes the initial certification fee and moves the renewal period from one to two years. The initial and renewal fees are specified to be a maximum of \$150 (the current one-year fee doubled).

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