

House Bill 2710

Sponsored by Representative HELM (Presession filed.)

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**.

Sets schedule for Director of Department of Consumer and Business Services to perform certain duties regarding energy efficiency standards and requirements for newly constructed buildings. Repeals schedule requirement January 2, 2033.

Requires director to take actions for purpose of ensuring specified reduction in energy use by newly constructed buildings by July 1, 2032.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to the reduction of energy use in buildings; and declaring an emergency.

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

3 **SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "energy use" means the average yearly number**
4 **of standardized energy units, as defined by the Department of Consumer and Business Ser-**
5 **vices, used per square foot of building.**

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7 **(2) At least once every three years, the Director of the Department of Consumer and**
8 **Business Services shall review codes, standards and technical components under ORS 455.500**
9 **for purposes of adopting or amending provisions of the Reach Code applicable to newly con-**
10 **structed buildings and for considering whether any standards and methods applicable for**
11 **newly constructed buildings should be removed from the Reach Code and adopted in the state**
12 **building code.**

13 **(3) Notwithstanding ORS 455.511 (3), at least once every three years, the director shall**
14 **conduct a review of energy conservation standards under ORS 455.505 and 455.511, establish**
15 **goals for increasing the level of energy conservation and adopt amendments to the state**
16 **building code under ORS 455.030 to increase energy efficiency in newly constructed buildings.**

17 **(4) This section does not limit the authority of the director to:**

18 **(a) Carry out activities under ORS 455.505 and 455.511 for existing buildings undergoing**
19 **reconstruction, alteration or remodeling; or**

20 **(b) Submit proposed state building code standards to the Construction Industry Energy**
21 **Board and adopt standards under ORS 455.496.**

22 **(5) The director shall notify the State Department of Energy of any changes to the state**
23 **building code made under this section.**

24 **(6) Notwithstanding ORS 455.505, the director shall take all practicable actions under this**
25 **section to ensure that new construction of a building that commences on or after July 1,**
26 **2032, will result in expected energy use that is no more than 35 percent of the energy use**
27 **that would be expected for a building of similar type if newly constructed to the state build-**
28 **ing code standards in effect on January 1, 2017.**

29 **SECTION 2. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the Director of the**

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 Department of Consumer and Business Services shall ensure that initial rules adopting or
2 amending Reach Code and state building code provisions under section 1 of this 2017 Act take
3 effect July 1, 2017.

4 (2) If this 2017 Act becomes law on or after May 1, 2017, the director shall ensure that:

5 (a) Initial rules adopting or amending Reach Code and state building code provisions un-
6 der section 1 of this 2017 Act take effect October 1, 2017; and

7 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subsection, any rules adopting or amend-
8 ing Reach Code and state building code provisions under section 1 of this 2017 Act take effect
9 on July 1 of a year.

10 SECTION 3. Section 1 of this 2017 Act is repealed January 2, 2033.

11 SECTION 4. This 2017 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
12 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2017 Act takes effect
13 on its passage.

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