

HB 2420 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires municipality that administers and enforces building inspection program to employ municipal building official and head building inspector. Allows same person to hold both positions and perform services for up to three local governments. Authorizes municipalities to hire contractor for enforcement services, subject to supervision by head building inspector. Becomes operative on July 1, 2021. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon law establishes a state building code to govern the construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings and other structures. Much of the code is adopted by rule of the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Oregon law also authorizes cities, counties and other local governments to agree to administer and enforce a building inspection program, for a period of four years at a time. Pursuant to this delegation of authority, a municipality must appoint a building official to attend to all aspects of code enforcement, including the issuance of building permits. Multiple municipalities may combine to appoint a single building official.

House Bill 2420 requires municipalities who administer and enforce a building inspection program to employ a municipal building official and a head building inspector. A single employee may share both duties and be employed to perform services by up to three local governments. The bill authorizes the use of non-employee inspectors to perform routine enforcement services, subject to supervision by the head building inspector. House Bill 2420 declares an emergency, effective on passage, while delaying the operation of the substantive provisions in the bill until July 1, 2021.