

HB 2077 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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Meeting Dates: 2/2

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies standards related to best practices for conducting lead-based paint inspections to include hazard control. Authorizes Oregon Health Authority (OHA's) to contract with a third-party to obtain a lead-based paint risk assessment or control paint hazards identified by a risk assessment. Modifies the statutory process and increases authority to impose civil penalties related to lead-based paint activities including abatement or control. Grants OHA authority to file a lien on property if civil penalties are unpaid. Specifies rights and processes for hearing and judicial review of civil penalties. Requires monies received through civil penalties be used to fund lead poisoning prevention and related activities. Becomes operative January 1, 2022. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal [Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule](#) (RRP) requires contractors, agencies, and businesses conducting renovation, repair, and painting on pre-1978 homes and child-occupied facilities be certified in lead-safe work practices. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the RRP rule on April 22, 2008 to protect children and adults against the hazardous lead dust and chips that are disturbed during common renovation activities like sanding or scraping of surfaces; removal of walls, ceilings, plumbing or windows; restoring building surfaces; and weatherization.

In 2010, EPA gave the Oregon Construction Contractors Board and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) the authority to jointly administer the rule in Oregon. OHA's Lead-Based Paint Program regulates the activities of businesses, agencies, and individuals who work with lead-based paint by enforcing state regulations, oversees professional training and certification, and responds to concerns about the health effects from exposure to lead. Current law allows OHA to certify companies that perform lead-based paint activities, to inspect properties to determine compliance; to suspend, revoke, or modify a company or individual certified to perform lead-based activities or renovation; and authority to issue a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for violations related to lead-based paint activities (ORS Chapter 431A).

House Bill 2077 grants the Oregon Health Authority's Lead-Based Paint Program additional authority to clean up lead-based paint hazards.