

HB 3181 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Oregon Utility Notification Center to adopt rules requiring paint used for marking underground facilities to be temporary marking paint or other industry-accepted low-impact marking. Requires operators to remove markings that continue to be visible on private property after reasonable period has passed since excavation is complete. Provides that operators that do not remove marking in compliance with rules are responsible to private property owners for all costs associated with damages caused to private property in process of removing markings.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

According to administrative rule (OAR 952-001-0070), before excavation can begin, an excavator must notify the Oregon Utility Notification Center of a proposed excavation. Operators or designated agencies must mark underground facilities within an area where proposed excavation will take place.

House Bill 3181 would require the Oregon Utility Notification Center to require use of temporary paint for marking underground facilities and be responsible to private property owners for paint-removing costs.