

SB 742 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On General Government

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Restricts local governments from prohibiting certain alarm systems or battery-charged fences on property not zoned or used for residential use. Requires warning signs for battery-charged fences.

Senate vote: Ayes, 29; Nays, 1--Heard

Minimal fiscal impact; no revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a global membership organization of electrotechnology companies that develops uniform technical standards for industry products, such as alarm systems and battery-charged fences. Governments and firms may choose to adopt IEC standards. In Oregon, local governments are authorized to regulate alarm systems and battery-charged fences.

Battery-charged fences connect with alarm systems to contact law enforcement and generate no more than 12 volts of direct current. Battery-charged fences are height-limited and must be surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall.

Senate Bill 742 A restricts local governments from prohibiting the installation or use of battery-charged fences, imposing requirements that conflict with IEC standards, or requiring a separate permit for installation of a battery-charged fence that is in addition to an alarm system permit. The measure also requires that conspicuous warning signs be posted at regular intervals for all battery-charged fences.