

SB 805 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows Construction Contractors Board (CCB) to establish a voluntary certification program for residential general master builder of vertical homeownership structures. Allows board to define vertical homeownership structure by rule, determine certification standards by structure type, and charge applicant fees to cover program administrative costs. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

SENATE VOTE: *Passed. Ayes, 26; Nays, 1--Robinson; Excused, 3--Boquist, Frederick, Heard.*

FISCAL: *Minimal fiscal impact*

REVENUE: *No revenue impact*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Creating a more prescriptive construction method to support development of entry-level homes
- Potential of economic opportunities in utilizing new building materials
- Water intrusion and other structural issues that could be mitigated by higher-level construction

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) licenses construction professionals, investigates reports of unlicensed activity on construction sites, educates contractors and consumers, and engages in construction dispute resolution. CCB is a nine-member board of residential contractors appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) maintains a statewide master builder program that certifies applicants who own or work for qualified construction companies, have specific construction or remodeling experience, and complete an approved training program.

Senate Bill 805 A allows the Oregon Construction Contractors' Board to establish voluntary certification programs for residential general master builders of vertical homeownership structures, in addition to allowing the board to define vertical homeownership structure by rule. CCB may determine certification standards by structure type or charge certification application fees. Certification standards must at minimum include aptitude in foundations, roofing, wall construction, siding installation, and energy systems.