

HB 4027 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Rules

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Restricts local governments, except as required by state building code, from adopting or enforcing ordinance, land use regulation, or building code for nonresidential property that prohibits the installation or use of battery-charged fence, imposes certain installation or operational requirements, or requires additional permit for battery-charged fence.

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.

The Department of Consumer and Business Services adopts, administers, and enforces a uniform, statewide building code to govern construction in Oregon. The state building code is composed of a series of specialty codes, each of which addresses a specific area of construction.

House Bill 4027 limits local government regulation on certain nonresidential alarm systems and battery-charged fences and specifies that a battery-charged fence must:

- use a battery of no more than 12 volts of direct current;
- meet the energizer characteristic set by IEC standards;
- be surrounded by a nonelectric perimeter fence or wall;
- be height-limited, and
- be marked with conspicuous warning signs.