

HB 2675 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Business and Labor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides that state structural specialty code does not apply to structure located on farm or forest operation and used for purpose related to agriculture that requires not more than 20 persons to occupy structure at any one time outside of harvest season or not more than 40 persons to occupy structure at any one time during harvest season.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) Building Codes Division adopts, amends, and interprets specialty codes that make up the Oregon State Building Code. The division administers each code through specialized code programs. The Oregon Structural Specialty Code (OSSC) establishes the minimum requirements for the construction, reconstruction, alteration and repair of buildings and other structures, as well as the installation of mechanical devices and equipment.

Currently, the state structural code does not apply to any agricultural building, agricultural grading, equine facility or dog training facility. ORS 455.315 defines “agricultural building”, for purposes of the exemption, as a structure located on a farm or forest operation and used for: storage, maintenance or repair of farm or forestry machinery and equipment; raising, harvesting and selling of crops or forest products; feeding, breeding, management and sale of, or the produce of, livestock, poultry, furbearing animals or honeybees; and dairying and the sale of dairy products.

House Bill 2675 adds to the definition of “agricultural building”, for purpose of exemption from state structural specialist code, a structure located on farm or forest agriculture that requires not more than 20 persons to occupy the structure outside of a harvest season or, during a harvest season, not more than 40 persons to occupy the structure.