

SB 869 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to study how to build efficiency into buildings. Directs DCBS to submit findings to interim committees of Legislative Assembly related to environment not later than September 15, 2024.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to:

- Exercise and all authority and discretion to help facilitate the achievement of greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goals (ORD 468A.205).
- Prioritize and expedite processes that could accelerate reductions in GHG emissions.
- Consider and integrate prevention or reduction of climate change impacts and GHG emissions reduction goals into planning, budgeting, investments, and policymaking decisions.
- Report to Legislative Committee related to the environment annually concerning actions taken during preceding 12 months and actions DCBS intends to take in upcoming 12 months to carry out Act.

Directs DCBS to contribute towards achieving GHG emission reductions and mitigate impact of climate change by: setting goals for improved energy efficiency; reducing GHG emissions resulting from manufacturing, transporting, installing, disposing and recovering materials used in building construction; and investigating benefits and feasibility of updating ventilation standards and specifying air purification standards in building interiors.

Requires DCBS to: specify energy efficiency goals for new residential and commercial construction that aim to achieve 60 percent reduction in energy consumption from standards specified in the statewide 2006 building and applicable specialty codes and report annually to Legislative Assembly on progress toward achieving goals and feasibility of available options to achieve progress; update Reach Code to reflect progress toward specified energy efficiency goals.

Requires DCBS to quantify GHG emissions of materials used in building construction; identify alternative materials with reduced GHG emissions that serve same function; recommend or require use of the alternative materials or methods in the statewide building code and in applicable specialty codes to the extent it is applicable and feasible. Requires DCBS to consider and adapt to the extent feasible industry standards. Becomes operative January 1, 2024. Authorizes Director of DCBS to adopt rules prior to operative date of Act. Takes effect on 91st day following adjournment sine die.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) stated mission is to protect and serve Oregon's consumers and workers while supporting a positive business climate. DCBS is Oregon's largest consumer protection and business regulatory agency with work in the following areas: finance (insurance, investments, Oregon-chartered banks and credit unions, consumer finance companies, mortgage lenders, pawnbrokers, payday lenders), workplace health and safety, and building safety.

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