

**HB 3343 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Hartman, Rep. Owens

**House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water**

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**Action Date:** 04/04/23

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 6-0-3-0

**Yeas:** 6 - Gamba, Hartman, Helm, Levy B, Marsh, Owens

**Exc:** 3 - Boice, McLain, Scharf

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/4

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Modifies qualification requirements to receive a water well constructor’s license to only require evidence that a person has completed certain kinds of professional welding training if the evidence is required under rules adopted by the Oregon Water Resources Commission that are based on the type of well for which the water well constructor is qualified.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Absence of welding needs when constructing certain kinds of wells
- Implementation and timeline of House Bill 2145 (2021)

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Replaces the measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

Well constructors are professionally trained to construct wells that meet Oregon's well construction standards. These standards and the enforcements of general rules related to well construction and maintenance are overseen by the Water Resources Commission. In 2021, House Bill 2145 created additional qualifications required to obtain a well constructor's license, including evidence of certain welding qualifications.

House Bill 3343 A would modify qualification requirements to receive a water well constructor’s license to only require evidence that a person has completed certain kinds of professional welding training if the evidence is required under rules adopted by the Oregon Water Resources Commission.