

SB 1086 -1, -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure directs the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to establish an apprenticeship program for building inspectors in cooperation and coordination with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council. The measure directs the director of DCBS to adopt rules that specify minimum training requirements and apprenticeship standards, the content of apprenticeship agreements, pay rates, and employment protections. The measure directs the director of DCBS to form a state joint committee for the purpose of promoting and coordinating the goals of the apprenticeship program for building inspectors. The measure directs the director of DCBS to become a training agent, or approve training agents, for the apprenticeship program. The measure directs the director of DCBS to issue or authorize a municipality to issue certifications for completion of an apprenticeship as a building inspector. The measure makes technical and conforming amendments. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Workforce shortage for building inspectors
- Role of the State Apprenticeship and Training Council
- Cost of the apprenticeship program
- Employer role in development of apprenticeships
- Process to develop a building inspectors apprenticeship program

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 The amendment directs the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to develop a proposal to guide the State Apprenticeship and Training Council in establishing an apprenticeship program for building inspectors. The amendment specifies that the proposal must address training requirements and apprenticeship standards, the contents of apprenticeship agreements, pay rates, employment protections, which state agency will form and administer a state joint committee for promoting and coordinating the goals of the apprenticeship program, which state agency will become or approve training agents for the apprenticeship program, and which state agency shall issue or allow a municipality to issue certifications for completion of the apprenticeship program as a building inspection. The amendment directs the State Apprenticeship and Training Council (council) to establish an apprenticeship program for building inspectors in accordance with the proposal the director of DCBS provides the council.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

-2 The amendment directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to assist and provide staff support to the Oregon Building Officials Association for the purpose of developing and submitting to the State Apprenticeship and Training Council a proposal to establish a program for building inspectors that meets specified requirements and qualifies as the practical experience equivalent of the training and experience standards

currently required.

Detailed Summary:

Section 1

Directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to assist and provide staff support to the Oregon Building Officials Association (association) for the purpose of developing and submitting to the State Apprenticeship and Training Council (council) a proposal to establish a program for building inspectors that meets specified requirements and qualifies as the practical experience equivalent of the training and experience standards currently required. Specifies that the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) shall provide technical assistance for the development and submission of this proposal, if requested by the association.

Section 2

Makes conforming and technical amendments.

Section 3

Sunsets section on January 2, 2027.

Section 4

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

BACKGROUND:

Apprenticeships consist of paid on-the-job training and classroom instruction to prepare a worker for a skilled profession or trade. The Office of Apprenticeship (OA) is the office designated by the Employment and Training Administration of the U.S. Department of Labor to administer the National Registered Apprenticeship System. Federal regulations govern the requirements for registered apprenticeships. To meet federal requirements, a registered apprenticeship must include a minimum of 2,000 hours of on-the-job learning, 144 hours of related instruction or training, and a progressing schedule of wages. Upon completion of an apprenticeship, the worker receives a nationally recognized credential within their industry.

In Oregon, the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) serves as the agency responsible for registering apprentices and apprenticeship programs, providing technical assistance, and ensuring compliance with federal regulations. Oregon has over 155 apprenticeship programs in a variety of industries, including construction, transportation, healthcare, and manufacturing. The Oregon State Apprenticeship and Training Council (OSATC) enforces Oregon law about apprenticeships in conjunction with the Apprenticeship and Training Division of BOLI.

Oregon currently has an Inspector Training Program designed to establish a workforce of inspectors that are knowledgeable on the statewide building code. This is a state-administered program that provides practicum courses for entry-level residential building inspectors. The Inspector Training Program is operated through the Building Codes Division of the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services.

Senate Bill 1086 directs the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services to establish an apprenticeship program for building inspectors in cooperation and coordination with the State Apprenticeship and Training Council.