

SB 1086 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Labor and Workplace Standards

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure 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 an apprenticeship program for building inspectors that meets specified requirements and qualifies as the practical experience equivalent of the training and experience standards currently required. Sunsets requirements January 2, 2027. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

Fiscal impact: Minimal fiscal impact

Revenue impact: No revenue impact

Senate vote: 27-0-3

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need to build the building inspectors workforce
- Impact of the shortage of building inspectors on the ability to meet statewide housing goals
- Opportunity for family wage jobs and careers
- Reasons there is a shortage of building inspector
- Increase awareness and building pipeline

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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.

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