

SB 87 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Labor and Business

Action Date: 02/06/25

Action: Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

Vote: 5-0-0-0

Yeas: 5 - Bonham, Hayden, Pham, Taylor, Woods

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: Revenue impact issued

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Meeting Dates: 2/4, 2/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure permits the Electrical and Elevator Board to enter into an agreement to establish an electrical licensing enforcement program for the Electrical Safety Law within a geographic area at the request of one or more municipalities. The measure also increases the civil penalty that may be imposed for violation of the state building code.

Detailed Summary:

Section 1

Permits the Electrical and Elevator Board (board) to enter into an agreement to establish an electrical licensing enforcement program for the Electrical Safety Law within a geographic area at the request of one or more municipalities. Specifies what a geographic area may be comprised of and what terms the agreement may include. Specifies that these agreements are only subject to challenge or appeal under the Administrative Procedures Act for failure to comply with an express licensing requirement of the board under the Electrical Safety Law. Makes conforming amendments.

Section 2

Increases the amount of the civil penalty that the Department of Consumer and Business Services, or an appropriate advisory board, may impose for violation of the state building code or other specified provisions from \$5,000 to \$7,500. Makes technical amendments.

Section 3

Increases the percentage of proceeds from civil penalties that the Construction Contractors Board (board) may retain from civil penalties the board imposes from 20 percent to 50 percent. Makes technical amendments.

Section 4

Specifies that the amount of \$500,000 is established for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, as the maximum limit for payment of expenses from fees, moneys, or other revenues, including Miscellaneous Receipts, but excluding lottery funds and federal funds, collected or received by the Department of Consumer and Business Services to carry out the provisions of Section 1 of this measure.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Maximum penalty amount for building code violations has not been adjusted since 2001
- Increase in the percentage of proceeds from civil penalties the Construction Contractors Board may retain will enable them to add resources

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Electrical and Elevator Board (board) is established by Oregon law within the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) and consists of 15 members. The board is responsible for assisting the Director of DCBS with administering the electrical and elevator programs provided for in law.

The Construction Contractors Board consists of nine members and may investigate persons engaged in the building and construction industry to determine compliance with construction contractors and contracts laws and oversees construction contractor licenses.

Senate Bill 87 permits the Electrical and Elevator Board to enter into an agreement to establish an electrical licensing enforcement program for the Electrical Safety Law within a geographic area at the request of one or more municipalities. The measure also increases the civil penalty that may be imposed for violation of the state building code.