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Requested by Senator NASH

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 1061**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, delete lines 4 through 26 and delete page
2 2 and insert:

3 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Oregon State University Extension Service**
4 **shall, in consultation with the Department of Consumer and Business**
5 **Services, establish a basic lumber grading training pilot program to**
6 **be offered annually through the extension service. Establishment of**
7 **the pilot program under this subsection must include a determination**
8 **of the:**

9 **“(a) General requirements for successfully completing the pilot**
10 **program.**

11 **“(b) Requirements for initial certification and recertification.**

12 **“(c) Content of the pilot program. At minimum, the content of the**
13 **pilot program must include:**

14 **“(A) A minimum of eight instructional hours, including hands-on**
15 **practice with physical lumber samples; and**

16 **“(B) Instruction in regionally relevant species identification,**
17 **moisture content considerations and visual grading criteria for struc-**
18 **tural dimension lumber.**

19 **“(d) Certification requirements for instructors teaching the pilot**
20 **program. At minimum, to be certified instructors must:**

21 **“(A) Demonstrate substantial expertise in visual lumber grading**

1 through:

2 “(i) A valid grader certification from an organization that adminis-
3 ters an accreditation program for the grademarking of lumber
4 produced under a system that is the basis for the sale and purchase
5 of softwood lumber;

6 “(ii) Seven years of professional experience in lumber grading,
7 quality control or wood products education, with demonstrated
8 knowledge of visual grading rules applicable to regionally relevant
9 species; or

10 “(iii) Equivalent qualifications approved by the extension service
11 based on professional history, training and relevant industry involve-
12 ment; and

13 “(B) Maintain continued competency through industry involvement,
14 refresher coursework or other methods approved by the extension
15 service.

16 “(2) The extension service shall issue certifications and recertif-
17 ications to those individuals who have successfully completed the pilot
18 program.

19 “(3) An individual who holds an initial certification as having suc-
20 cessfully completed the pilot program must be recertified every five
21 years.

22 “SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

23 “(a) ‘Self-graded lumber’ means lumber graded by an individual who
24 is certified to grade lumber through the pilot program established
25 under section 1 of this 2025 Act.

26 “(b) ‘Third-party graded lumber’ means lumber bearing a valid
27 grade stamp from a grading agency accredited by an organization that
28 administers an accreditation program for the grademarking of lumber
29 produced under a system that is the basis for the sale and purchase
30 of softwood lumber.

1 “(2) The Department of Consumer and Business Services shall es-
2 tablish by rule a process by which a builder, designer or owner may
3 use lumber that is tested and approved by an individual who is certi-
4 fied under section 1 of this 2025 Act.

5 “(3) The process established under subsection (2) of this section:

6 “(a) May not establish, create or accept any new grade or design
7 value as part of the state’s building code.

8 “(b) Shall permit the use of self-graded lumber only for structures
9 that are subject to the Oregon Residential Specialty Code.

10 “(c) Shall require that the intent of a builder, design professional,
11 contractor and homeowner to use self-graded lumber must be disclosed
12 in writing at the time of the building permit application. Disclosure
13 under this paragraph must be made to an inspector who is licensed
14 by the department or a municipality administering and enforcing a
15 building inspection program. The writing required under this para-
16 graph must be filed with the county clerk, who shall make the writing
17 a part of the permanent deed record of the property.

18 “(d) The lumber used for self-graded lumber must originate from a
19 known source, requiring a documented relationship or permit between
20 the lumber owner and the purchaser of the milled lumber.

21 “(4)(a) No manufacturer, distributor, wholesaler, retailer or grader
22 of third-party graded lumber may be held liable in whole or in part for
23 a failure of or defect in self-graded lumber incorporated in the same
24 structure.

25 “(b) This subsection applies only to structures permitted under
26 subsection (3)(b) of this section in which self-graded lumber is incor-
27 porated.

28 “SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this 2025 Act are repealed on Jan-
29 uary 2, 2033.”.