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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

March 7, 1991Hearing Room D 8:00 a.m.Tape 37

MEMBERS PRESENT:Rep. Bob Repine, Chair Rep. Judy Bauman, Vice-Chair
Rep. Marie Bell Rep. Rod Johnson Rep. Dave McTeague Rep. Gail Shibley
Rep. Ron Sunseri

STAFF PRESENT: Janet McComb, Committee Administrator Kimberly
Burt, Committee Assistant

MEASURES CONSIDERED: SB 80 SB 82A SB 105A SB 108

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TAPE 37, SIDE A

005 CHAIR REPINE: Calls the hearing to order. (8:00 a.m.)

Roll Call: Representatives Bell, Johnson, Shibley, Sunseri & Repine answer "present".

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 105 A-ENG Witnesses: Gary Wicks, Administrator,
Oregon Building Codes Agency. Junior Owens, Chief Electrical Inspector,
Oregon Building Codes Agency

JANET MCCOMB, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: SB 105 pertains to electrical product approval labels and the removal of those; this would prohibit unauthorized persons from removing the labels although property owners will be permitted to remove the labels when all required inspections are completed.

Submits summary of SB 105A, fiscal impact and revenue impact statement, (EXHIBIT A).

The Senate amendments to SB 105 allowed the property owner to remove the label after all required inspections.

030 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR, OREGON BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Submits and summarizes written testimony, (EXHIBIT B).

SB 105A would make removal of electrical tags subject to the civil penalties that violations of other electrical laws are.

REP. MCTEAGUE arrives. (8:06 a.m.)

070 REP. SUNSERI: How big of a problem is this?

WICKS: We have had several instances in the past year and if we can avoid one unsafe hook up it would be worth the effort.

CHAIR REPINE: These tags protect utility installers who hook up meters; this is a safety issue.

085 REP. SHIBLEY: How will the agency get the word out that this will be subject to a civil penalty?

WICKS: There is a rule already, but we don't have the authority to do anything if the rule is violated.

We have good methods of communicating with the electrical industry.

REP. SHIBLEY: The problem then is only with electrical workers?

WICKS: Some private home owners as well.

108 REP. BELL: What do these violations result in?

WICKS: There is a general civil penalty statute; this bill would make the violation come under the general civil penalty authority we currently have.

REP. JOHNSON: What is the procedure for removing the tags.

WICKS: Once the inspection is done the owner can remove the tags.

If it is red tagged there is a problem that has to be corrected.

WICKS: The civil penalty applies if there is operation without a permit and we have that authority now; presumably they would have to get a permit to start the process and once they have a permit, but remove or misuse a tag that came out of the permit process, they would be subject to the civil penalty.

183 REP. SUNSERI: If there is a violation and the offender goes to the board, is the person who issued the violation on the board?

WICKS: No; the violation would be issued by inspectors in the field.

REP. BAUMAN leaves. (8:16 a.m.)

210 JUNIOR OWENS, CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, OREGON BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Power box meter seal removal comes under the power companies jurisdiction.

Meter readers inspect boxes when they read meters.

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 108 Witnesses: Gary Wicks, Administrator, Oregon Building Codes Agency. Burton Weast, Oregon Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors

JANET MCCOMB, COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR: SB 108 modifies the water pipe labeling law to require that all water pipe labels, shields or codes include the manufacturing standards under which the pipe was made.

Most copper pipe is made outside of Oregon and Oregon is one of only two states that require that the standard be stamped on the actual water pipe.

Submits summary of SB 108, revenue impact and fiscal impact statement, (EXHIBIT C).

250 GARY WICKS, ADMINISTRATOR, OREGON BUILDING CODES AGENCY: Submits and summarizes written testimony, (EXHIBIT D).

REP. BELL: What is the history of that law?

287 TERRY SWISHER, CHIEF, PLUMBING SECTION, OREGON BUILDING CODES AGENCY: In the late 1970's there was contaminated galvanized piping made in another country that ended up in the State of Oregon and was installed and found to be tainted.

That piping was removed and the law that exists to date was meant to address that type of situation.

305 REP. MCTEAGUE: Does this requirement extend to plastic piping?

SWISHER: Plastic pipe manufacturing standards require the standards to be stamped upon that pipe also.

The materials utilized in plumbing are regulated by the plumbing code.

REP. BAUMAN: return. (8:20 a.m.)

335 CHAIR REPINE: What is the repetition of printing; is there a mandatory requirement that makes the copper difficult to identify as the stamp only appears every 8 - 10 feet on the pipe and short sections may not have that stamp?

SWISHER: National manufacturing standards and the state's requirements do have a continuous band as far as color and an 18 inch gap; if it was a very small piece of pipe that would be true.

355 BURTON WEAST, OREGON ASSOCIATION OF PLUMBING HEATING AND COOLING CONTRACTORS: Testifies in support of SB 108.

This will allow greater selection and competition in the market place; this has nothing to do with safety or quality of the pipe.

390 CHAIR REPINE: We will hold work sessions on SB 105A and SB 108 at our next hearing.

WORK SESSION SB 80

399 MOTION: REP. BAUMAN moves SB 80 to the Committee on Ways and Means by inference.

410 VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries unanimously. Members Excused: REP. BELL

WORK SESSION ON SB 82 A-Eng

421 MOTION: REP. BAUMAN moves SB 82 A-Engrossed to the floor with a do pass

recommendation.

430 VOTE: In a roll call vote the motion carries unanimously. Members
Excused: REP. BELL CARRIER: REP. SHIBLEY

440 CHAIR REPINE: In regards to the Joint meetings held with our Senate counterparts, Senator Hill, myself and our staffs will be meeting today to decide how the remaining issues will be discussed for the rest of session.

We are working on a bill that will structure the framework for the Oregon Housing Trust Program and that will come to this committee soon.

474 CHAIR REPINE: We are adjourned. (8:35 a.m.)

Submitted by: Reviewed by:

Kimberly Burt Janet McComb Assistant Administrator

EXHIBIT SUMMARY:

A - SMS, revenue and fiscal impact statements to SB 105A submitted by STAFF, pp 3 B - Written testimony to SB 105A submitted by WICKS, pp 4 C - SMS, revenue and fiscal impact statements to SB 108 submitted by STAFF, pp 2 D - Written testimony to SB 108 submitted by WICKS, pp 4