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Construction contractors get flexibility on job site staffing
SB 336 waives certified manager requirement in emergency circumstances

SALEM – A bill to help construction crews keep working and provide continuity to their job schedule in certain circumstances made its way through the Oregon Senate.

Senate Bill 336 – which passed by a 28-0 vote on the Senate floor – allows a construction contractor or business to operate without a certified manager on a temporary basis, under emergency circumstances.

"This is a reasonable fix to a big issue that can throw construction companies – many of them small businesses – into disarray and shut down their work," said Sen. Chuck Riley (D-Hillsboro), who carried the bill on the Senate floor. "This provides a temporary path forward so the contractors can stay on their timelines, while they work diligently to fill the manager position, and workers know that they can count on their jobs continuing. Many construction jobs are highly seasonal and based on economics and work availability, so this provides a lot of stability to workers and construction company owners, as well."

A responsible managing individual – an employee or company owner who has successfully completed training, testing and licensure for that role – currently is required on each of these job sites. Often, a construction business may only have one representative with the proper credentials for that role. This becomes a problem when that worker leaves the business unexpectedly before a replacement is available.

SB 336 establishes a procedure so that a contracting business can operate on a temporary basis without that managing individual, and the bill directs the Construction Contractors Board to

adopt rules establishing the maximum time period a company can operate without that employee.

SB 336 now goes to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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