

# Senate Bill 83

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## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Modifies definition of "significant structure" for purposes of requiring certificate of registration as professional structural engineer. Deletes obsolete provision regarding obtaining certificate of registration as professional structural engineer without examination.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to structural engineering; creating new provisions; and amending ORS 672.129.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 672.129 is amended to read:

5 672.129. (1) For purposes of this section:

6 (a) "Significant structure" means:

7 (A) Hazardous facilities and special occupancy structures, as defined in ORS 455.447;

8 (B) Essential facilities, as defined in ORS 455.447, that have a ground area of more than 4,000  
9 square feet *[and]* **or** are more than 20 feet in height;

10 (C) Structures that the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services deter-  
11 mines to have irregular features; and

12 (D) Buildings that are customarily occupied by human beings and are more than four stories or  
13 45 feet above average ground level.

14 (b) "Significant structure" does not *[include]* **mean:**

15 (A) One-family and two-family dwellings and accompanying accessory structures;

16 (B) Agricultural buildings or equine facilities, both as defined in ORS 455.315; **or**

17 (C) Buildings located on lands exempt from Department of Consumer and Business Services  
18 enforcement of building code regulations.]; *or*]

19 *[(D) Essential facilities, as defined in ORS 455.447, that have a ground area of not more than 4,000*  
20 *square feet and are not more than 20 feet in height.]*

21 (2) Consistent with ORS 672.255, the State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Sur-  
22 veying shall adopt rules establishing standards of competence in structural engineering analysis and  
23 design relating to seismic influence.

24 (3) An engineer *[must be registered with the board as]* **may not provide engineering services**  
25 **for significant structures unless the engineer possesses a valid** professional structural engineer  
26 *[under subsection (2) of this section to provide structural engineering services for significant*  
27 *structures]* **certificate of registration issued by the board.**

28 *[(4) The board may certify an engineer as a structural engineer without examination if:]*

29 *[(a) On October 23, 1999, the engineer is registered with the board as a professional engineer;*  
30 *and]*

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1        *[(b) Within one year of October 23, 1999, the engineer demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board*  
2        *that the engineer has sufficient experience in the duties typically provided by a professional structural*  
3        *engineer regarding significant structures.]*

4        **SECTION 2. (1) The amendments to ORS 672.129 (1) and (3) by section 1 of this 2005 Act**  
5        **apply to engineering services performed on or after the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

6        **(2) The deletion of ORS 672.129 (4) by section 1 of this 2005 Act does not affect the validity**  
7        **of or the ability to renew any certificate of registration as a structural engineer issued under**  
8        **ORS 672.129 (4) prior to the effective date of this 2005 Act.**

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