

Highlights of the 2005 Legislative Session

House Bill 3108

This bill provides for an annual fee on community water systems to provide dedicated funding for administering the cross connection and backflow prevention program. Community water systems are defined in Oregon Administrative Rule 333-061-0020 as “public water systems with 15 or more total service connections used by year-round residents, or that regularly serve 25 or more year-round residents.”

The fee is based on the total number of service connections in each community water system as follows:

- \$30 for a water system with 15 – 99 connections;
- \$75 for a water system with 100 – 999 connections;
- \$200 for a water system with 1,000 – 9,999 connections; and
- \$350 for a water system with 10,000 or more connections

House Bill 3093

This bill allows licensed plumbers and registered apprentice plumbers to test backflow prevention assemblies without Department of Human Services certification if they have completed equivalent state-approved training programs for testing assemblies and comply with department requirements for providing proof of annual test gauge calibrations.

Plumbers obtain licensure from the Building Codes Division and plumber apprentices become registered by the Bureau of Labor and Industries. This bill was suggested as a way to simplify their licensing process and assigns oversight to Building Codes Division.

House Bill 2069

Section 8 of this bill provides that a Backflow Assembly Tester can perform installation, repair or maintenance of backflow prevention assemblies for irrigation systems and water features if they are:

- An owner or an employee of a properly licensed landscape business under Oregon Revised Statutes [ORS 671](#);
- A properly licensed landscape contractor under [ORS 671](#); and
- Currently certified as a Backflow Assembly Tester under [ORS 448](#).

This bill does not provide an exemption from permit and inspection requirements found under [ORS 447](#).