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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Corrects terminology regarding individuals and businesses performing landscaping services. Changes name of individual landscaper's license from "landscape contractor" to "landscape construction professional." Changes name of business license from "landscaping business" to "landscape contracting business." Clarifies that stockholder changes are not changes in ownership that require a new license.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Confusion over current terms, since a landscape contractor is an individual and does not do contracting
- Opposition of landscape designers and landscape architects to the name "landscape professional"
- Support of other landscape professionals to the name "landscape construction professional"

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes name to "landscape construction professional." Resolves conflicts with HB 3354, HB 2075, HB 2076, and SB 62.

BACKGROUND: Current statute defines a "landscape contractor" as an individual licensee who is legally not allowed to actually contract. The name can be confusing to consumers who seek to work with a licensed contractor. The Landscape Contractors Board has a two-license system, one for individuals who demonstrate competency and another for businesses that are either owned by or employ individuals to perform services. In the case of landscaping contractor businesses, the business entity is the actual contractor, performing all of the business functions (i.e. carrying workers' compensation and liability insurance).

House Bill 2117-A changes the terms "landscape contractor" and "landscape business" to "landscape construction professional" and "landscape contracting business," respectively, and aligns statutes relating to landscape contractors to reflect the new terminology, resolving any conflicting terminology regarding licensing and competency.