## 74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2473 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact FISCAL: No fiscal impact

**Action:** Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

**Vote:** 7 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Berger, Edwards C., Esquivel, Holvey, Rosenbaum, Smith P., Schaufler

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/26, 4/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Reduces the required apprenticeship time for a limited journeyman sign electrician or limited journeyman stage electrician license applicant from four years to two years and Class A limited energy technician license applicant from four years to three years. Clarifies that a limited maintenance electrician's licensee is authorized to maintain, repair, and replace electrical installations on systems that are less than 600 volts phase-to-phase. Removes certain electricians' licenses from the types of licenses issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services. Establishes that licenses removed from statute that are in effect on the effective date of the measure will expire at the end of the license term and cannot be renewed.

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Whether the removal of some limited licenses will bring about any problems
- Why changes to current statute are necessary

## **EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Replaces the bill.

**BACKGROUND:** HB 2473 A address the shortage of limited journeyman sign electricians, limited journeyman stage electricians, and Class A limited energy technicians by reducing the apprenticeship time required before submitting a license application.

The measure also deletes Class I and Class II oil module electricians' licenses, the limited journeyman railroad electrician license, and the limited journeyman industrial electrician license from statute, as they are obsolete and the types of electrical work performed by these licensees are being performed by other types of licensed electricians.