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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Changes the parameters for electrical installations that may be made by a landscaping business.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- What types of landscaping products can currently be installed
- Measure aligns the exemption to the National Electrical Code
- What electrical installations can be performed by a landscape contractor versus what has to be installed by an electrician

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that a landscaping business can install a Class II or Class III system that does not exceed 30 volts and 750 voltamperes.

BACKGROUND: Landscape contractors are currently exempt from electrical safety law if they are only performing “limited energy electrical” activity involving landscape irrigation control wiring and outdoor landscape lighting. However, technology changes have necessitated potential statutory changes. For instance, many low voltage lighting transformers have multiple outputs ranging from 12 to 22 volts. The National Electrical Code, a standard for the safe installation of electrical wiring and equipment, has recognized these changes while current Oregon statute does not.

HB 3354 A changes the parameters of the exemption to allow installations of irrigation control wiring and outdoor landscape lighting which involves a Class II or Class III system that does not exceed 30 volts and 750 voltamperes. This change balances the voltage of common products that are installed in landscaping projects and design demands of the landscaping industry with safety considerations.