76th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2011 Regular Session MEASURE: HB 2156 A CARRIER: Rep. Esquivel

House Committee on Business and Labor

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 8 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Conger, Doherty, Esquivel, Hoyle, Johnson, Matthews, Kennemer, Schaufler

Nays: 0 Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/11

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Clarifies that a licensed landscape contracting business's surety bond covers backflow assembly testing service; installation, repair or maintenance of backflow assemblies for irrigation systems; ornamental water features, and irrigation control wiring and outdoor landscape lighting.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: A licensed landscape contracting business has the statutory authority to install and test backflow assemblies and install low voltage wiring for landscape lighting and irrigation systems, if specific testing and competency requirements are met. However, because statute does not consider both activities as landscaping work, it is not covered under the required surety bond. House Bill 2156-A clarifies that backflow testing and the installation of low voltage landscape wiring is covered by the bond.