

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 6 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Atkinson, Burdick, Edwards, Girod, Starr, Beyer
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/2

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:

- Consistency with existing statute
- Ability of consumers to access a bond for all work that can be performed by a licensed landscaper
- Cost of additional bond coverage.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

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.